



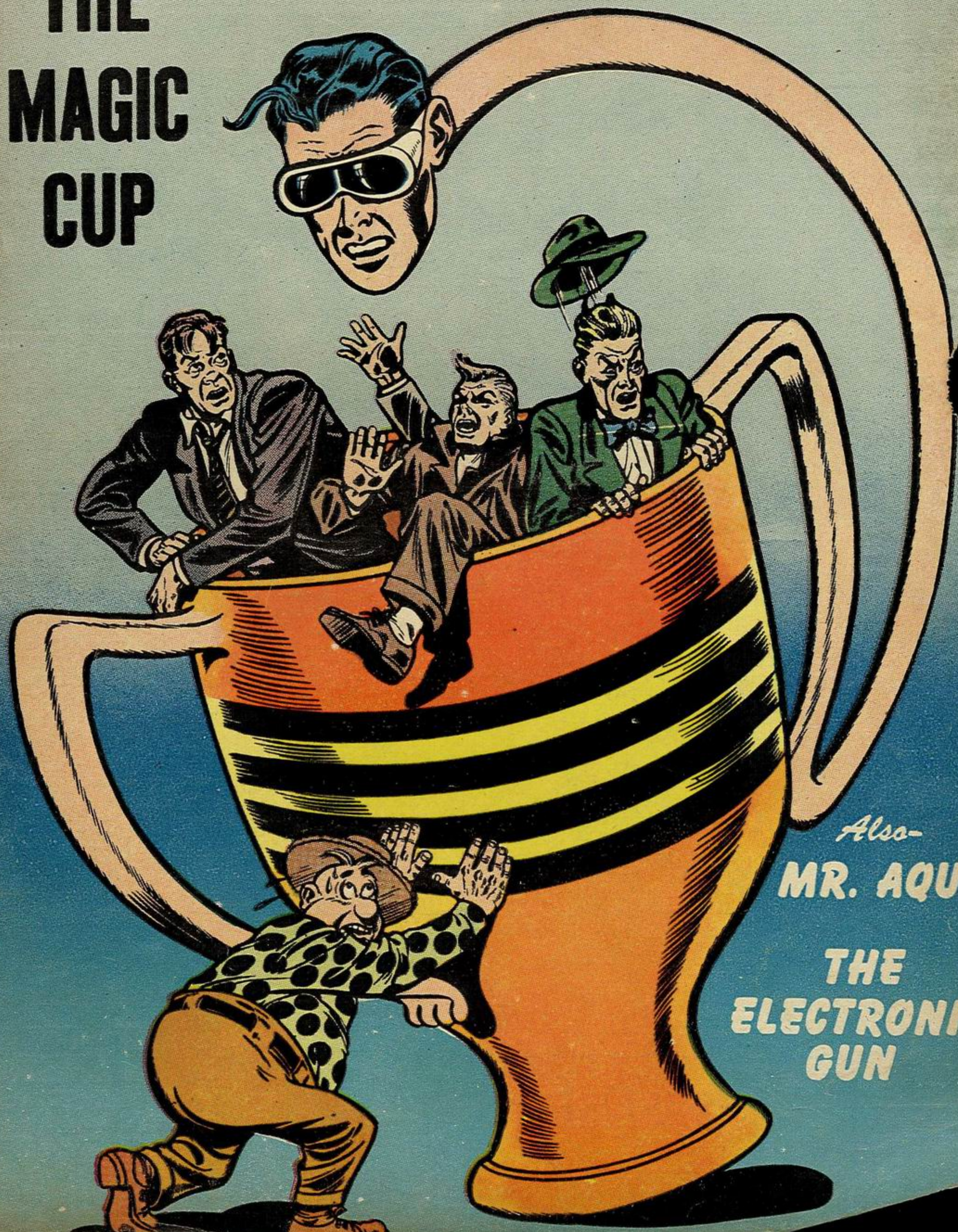
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NOW!

ACT NOW

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YOU!

LET'S
GO!

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Rifles, Arch-
ery Sets, School
Boxes, Wallets.

Mail coupon for
SALVE and
pictures to start.

Boys',
Girls' Wrist
Watches,
Baking Sets,
Typewriters,
etc.

ACT NOW!

SAY! THAT CAMERA
SURE IS SUPERSONIC!
YOU MUST HAVE
STRUCK A
URANIUM LODE!

DIDN'T COST
ME A DIME-
JUST GOT IT FOR
SELLING WHITE
CLOVERINE
BRAND
SALVE!

HURRY!
AN' GET
DE-PRES-
SURIZED!

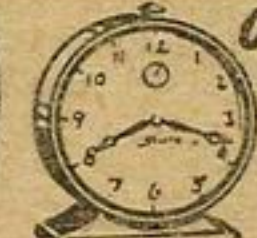
JUMPIN'
JUPITER!
YOU'RE SURE
SIZZLING TH'
OL' ROCKET
TODAY, TED!

I'M IN A HURRY TO GET
BACK TO OUR EARTH BASE,
PENNY, THE MAIL MAN'S BRING-
ING MY NEW CAMERA!

OUTTA MY JET TRAIL, MATES - I'M MAILING
THE COUPON FOR THAT BIG NEW
PREMIUM CATALOG NOW!

TRAINING BASE

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MAIL



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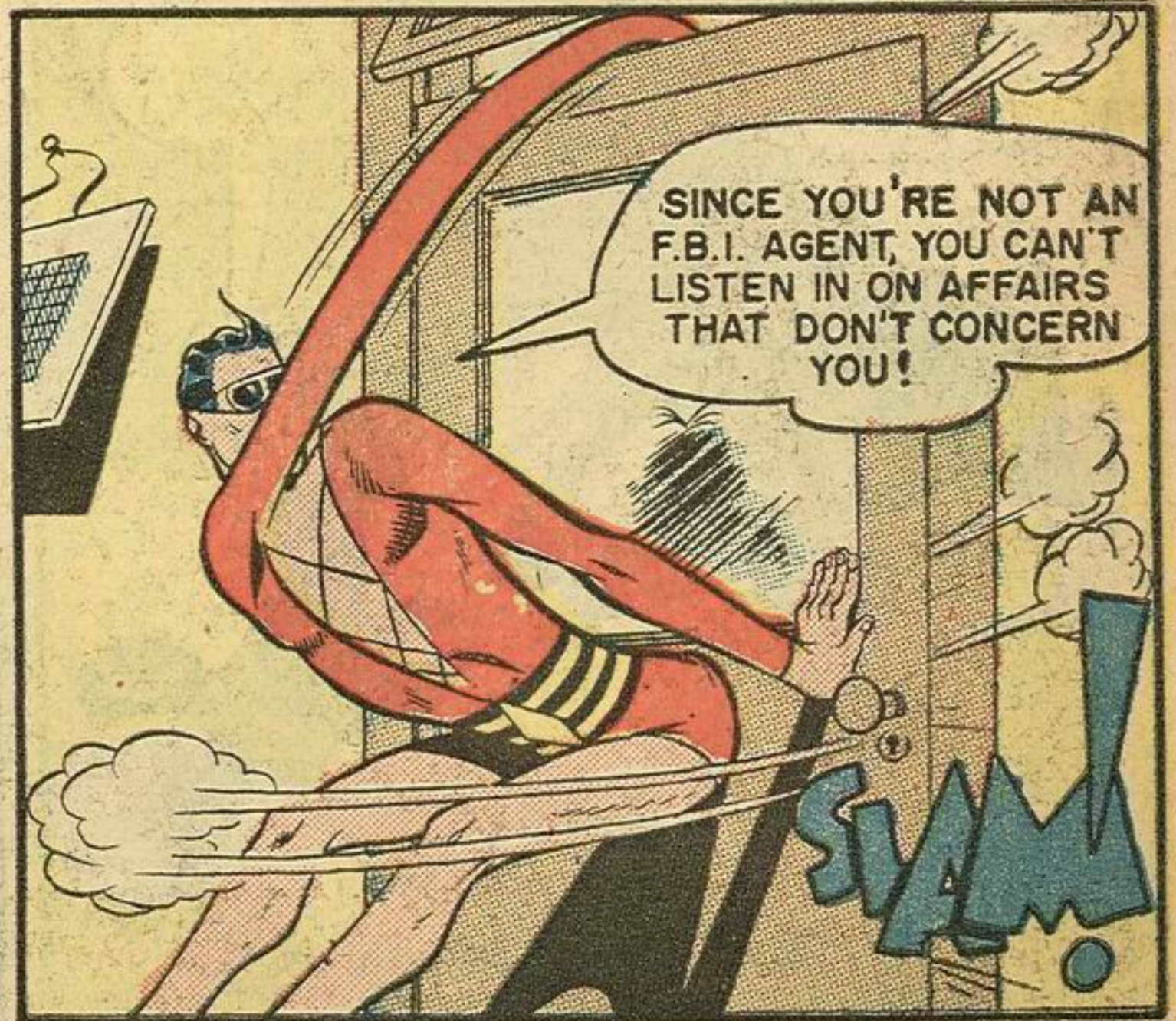
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AND DON'T TRY TO EAVESDROP EITHER!



BAH, HOW AM I EVER GONNA BE A GREAT CRIME FIGHTER IF PLAS KEEPS TREATING ME LIKE EXCESS BAGGAGE?



SOMETIMES I THINK PLAS IS JEALOUS! HE'S AFRAID IF I GO ALONG ON A CASE, I MIGHT WIND UP STEALING ALL HIS THUNDER!

I HOPE THE WATER ISN'T TOO COLD!



DO YOU THINK THE WATER IS VERY COLD TODAY?

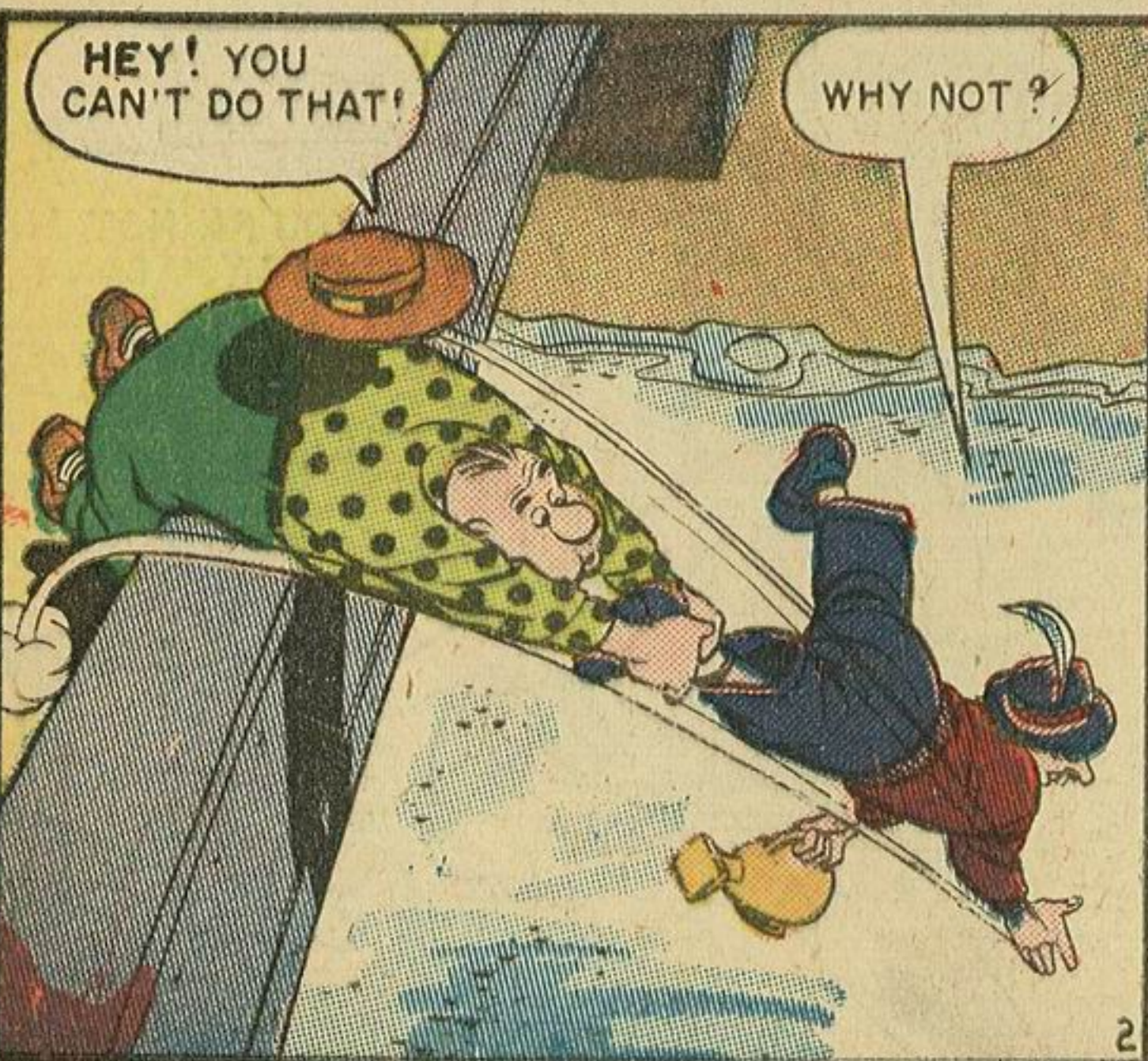
OH, WHAT'S THE DIFFERENCE?

SNORT



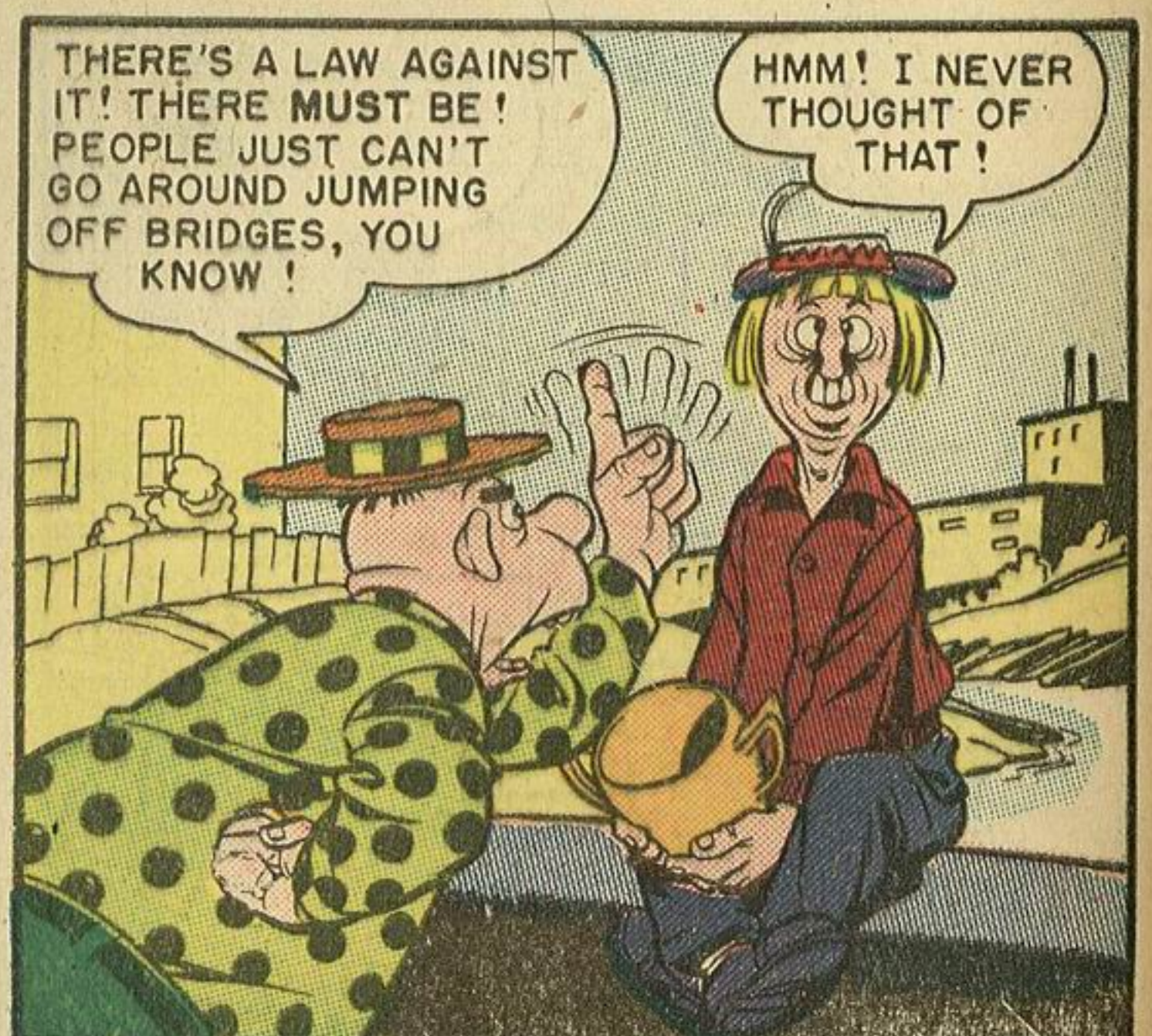
OH, THERE'S A GREAT DIFFERENCE! YOU SEE I'M GOING SWIMMING AND I'D LIKE TO KNOW WHETHER I'LL FREEZE TO DEATH BEFORE I DROWN!

HUH?



HEY! YOU CAN'T DO THAT!

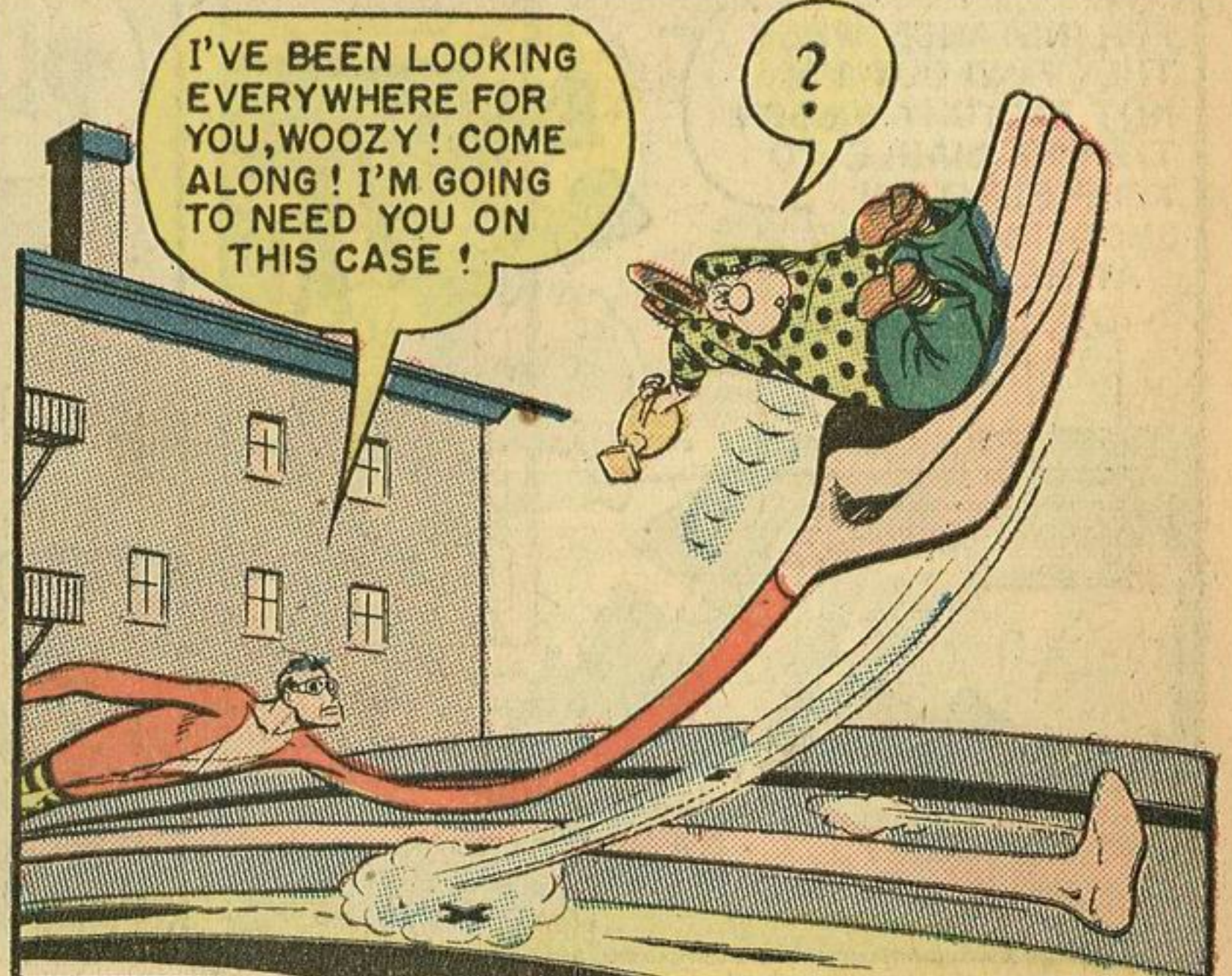
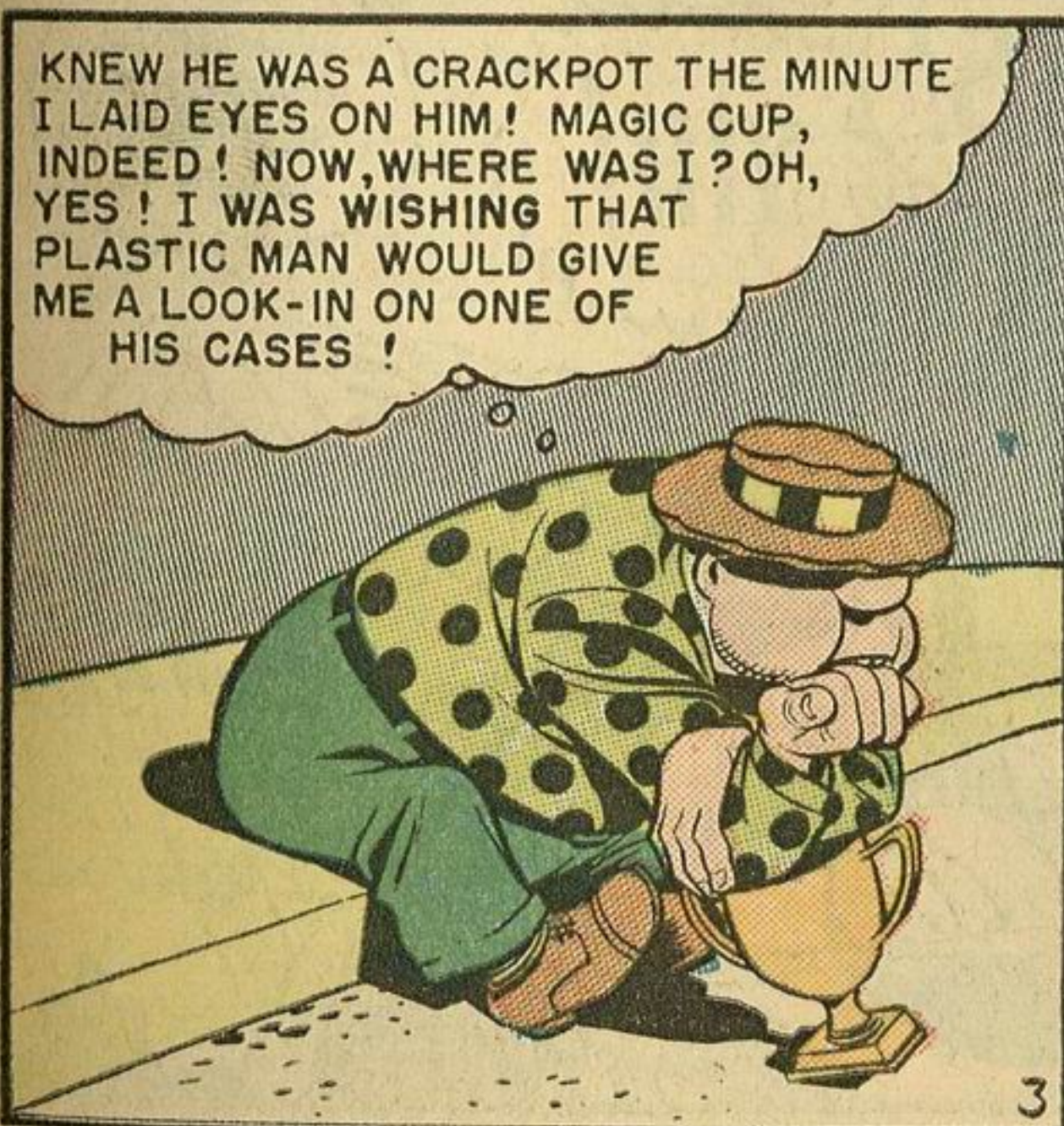
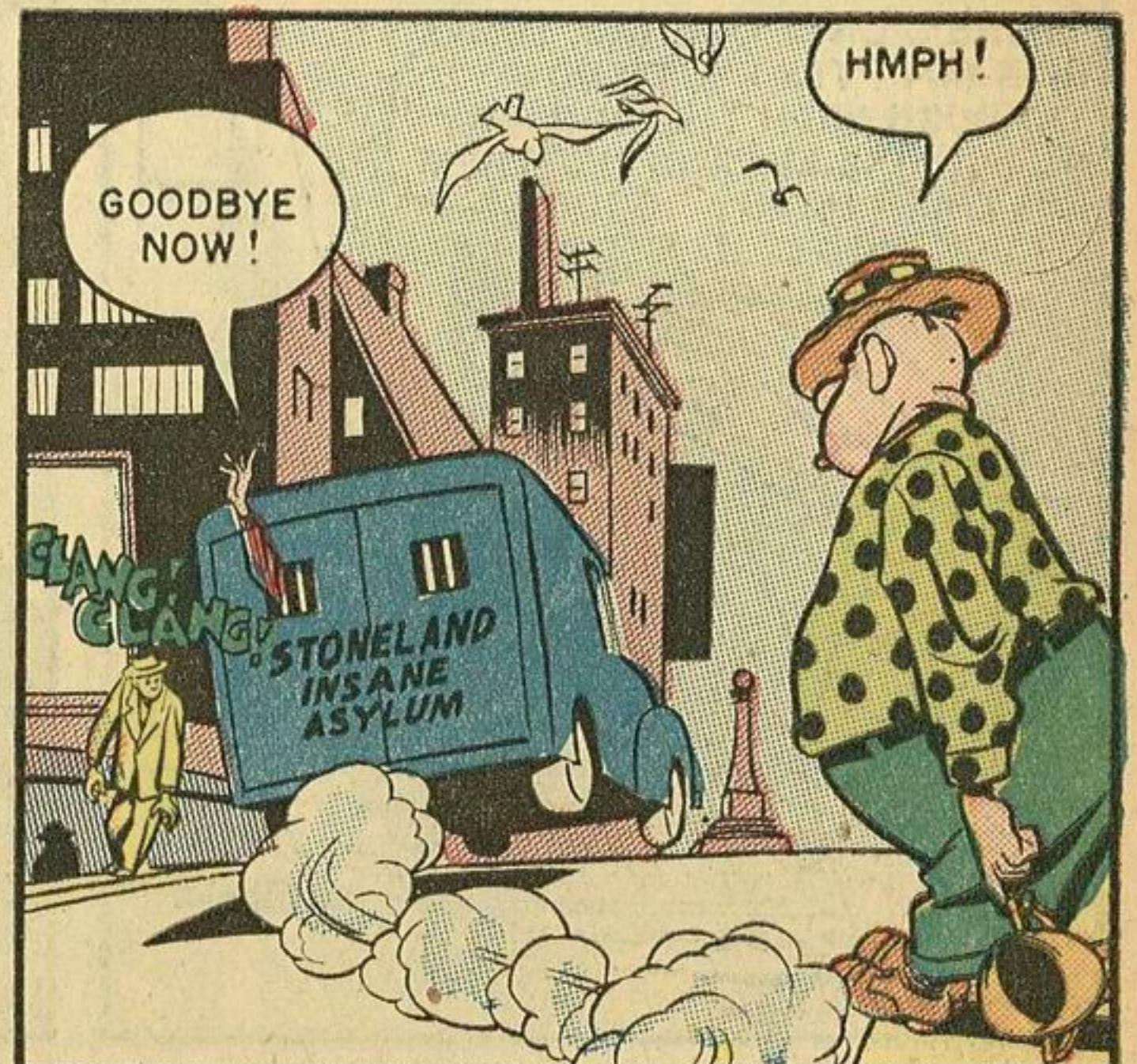
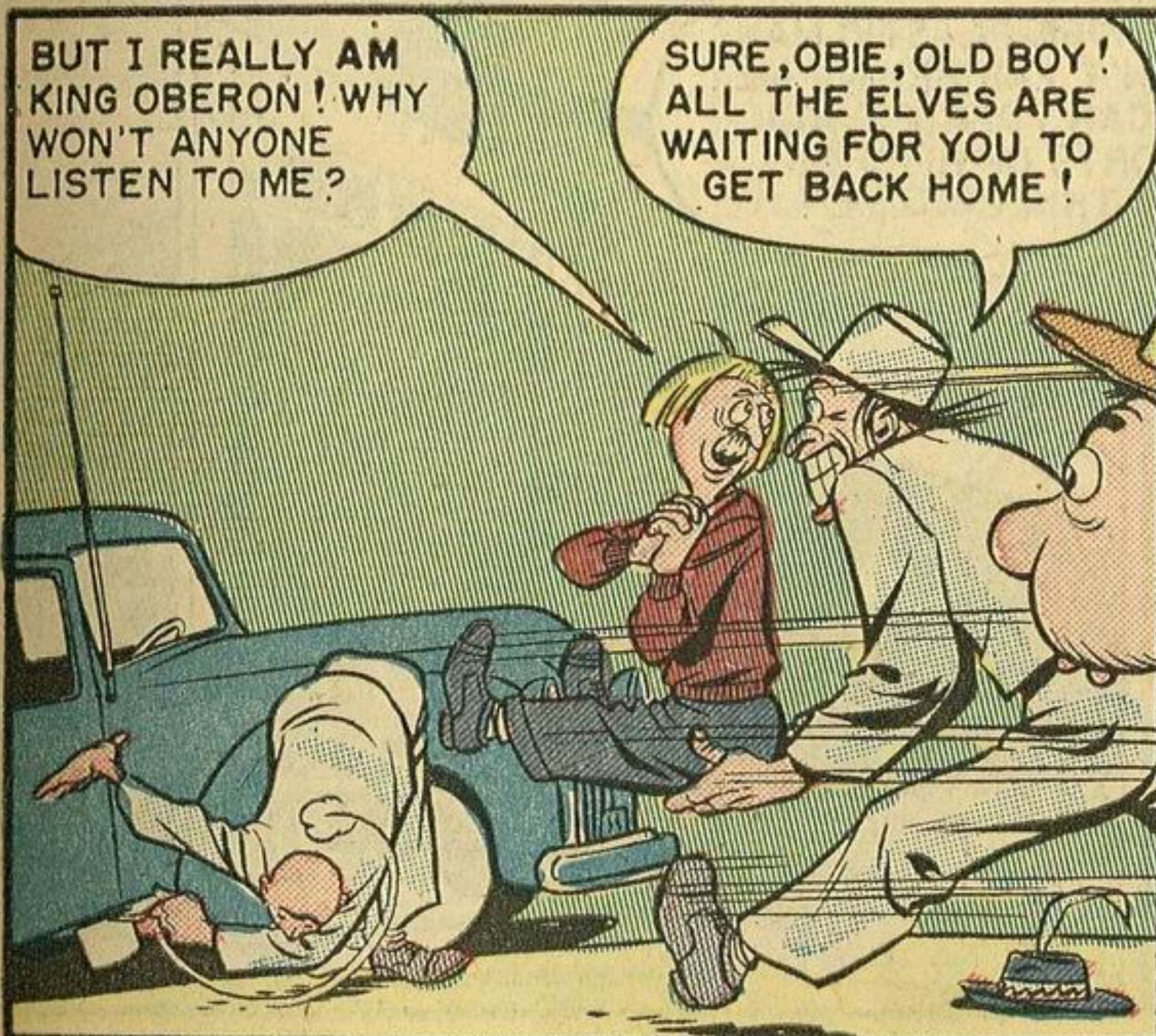
WHY NOT?



THERE'S A LAW AGAINST IT! THERE MUST BE! PEOPLE JUST CAN'T GO AROUND JUMPING OFF BRIDGES, YOU KNOW!

HMM! I NEVER THOUGHT OF THAT!

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MOMENTS LATER ...

GOT EVERYTHING STRAIGHT ?
YOU DRIVE THE ARMORED
CAR RIGHT IN THROUGH
THE GATE OF THE
DEARMONT CHEMICAL
FACTORY !

THEN
WHAT
HAPPENS?



THE HOODS PLANNED THIS
PAYROLL JOB CAREFULLY !
SOME OF THEIR MEN ARE
ACTUALLY EMPLOYED IN-
SIDE THE PLANT ! THEY'LL
PULL OFF THE ACTUAL
ROBBERY AND TRY TO
ESCAPE IN YOUR
TRUCK !

I'M
SUPPOSED
TO BE
PART OF
THE GANG?



YOU'RE CLICKING ON ALL TWO
CYLINDERS ! THE F.B.I. PICKED
UP TWITCHY WILSON A FEW
HOURS AGO ! HE WAS SUPPOSED
TO CHAUFFEUR THE ARMORED
CAR... BUT HE WON'T TALK
ABOUT WHO HIS CONFEDERATES
IN CRIME ARE !

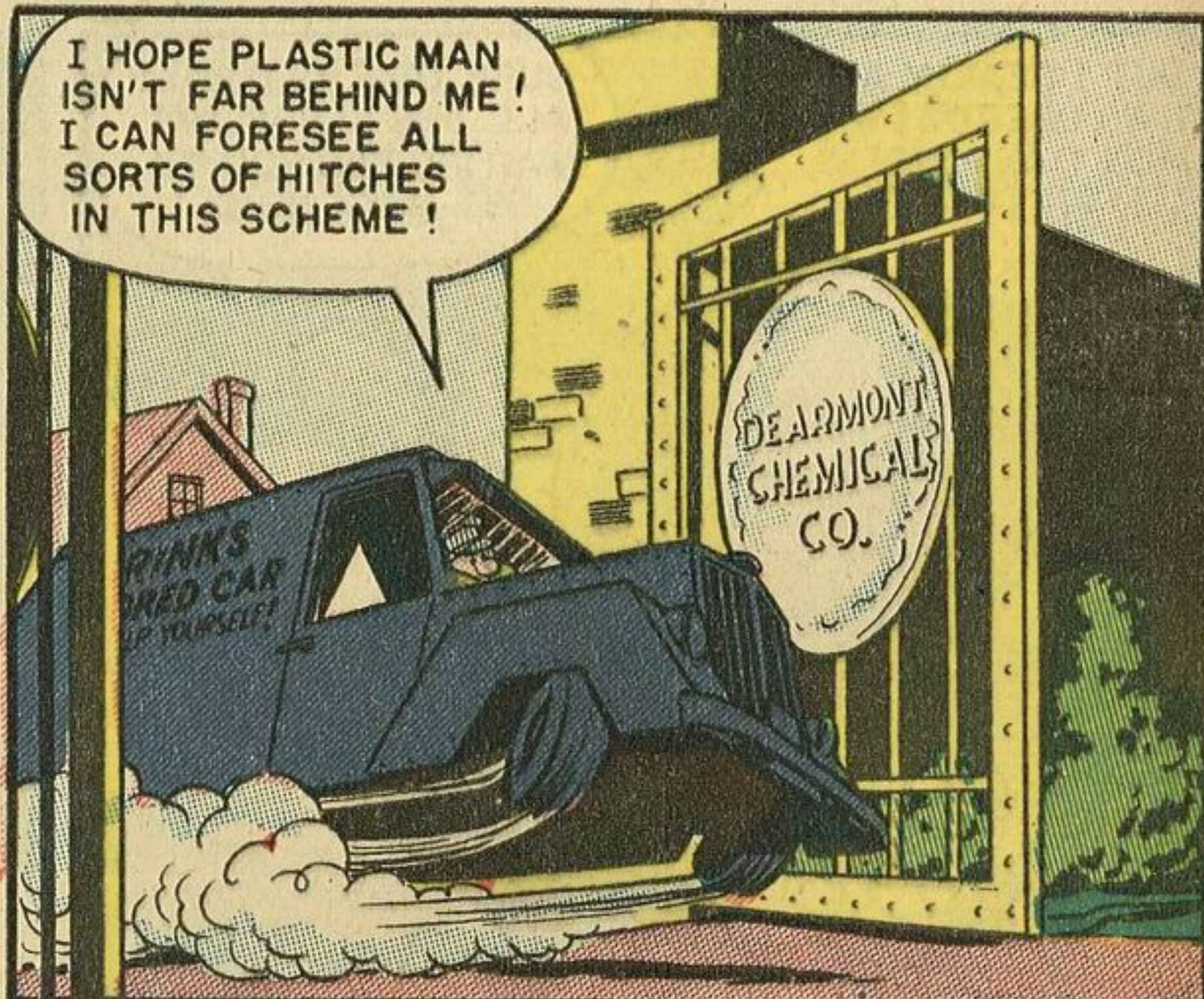


THERE'S ONLY ONE WAY TO
FIND OUT ! THAT'S TO GO
THROUGH WITH THE ROBBERY
AS SCHEDULED, AND LET THEM
TIP THEIR HANDS ! GOOD
LUCK, WOZZY !

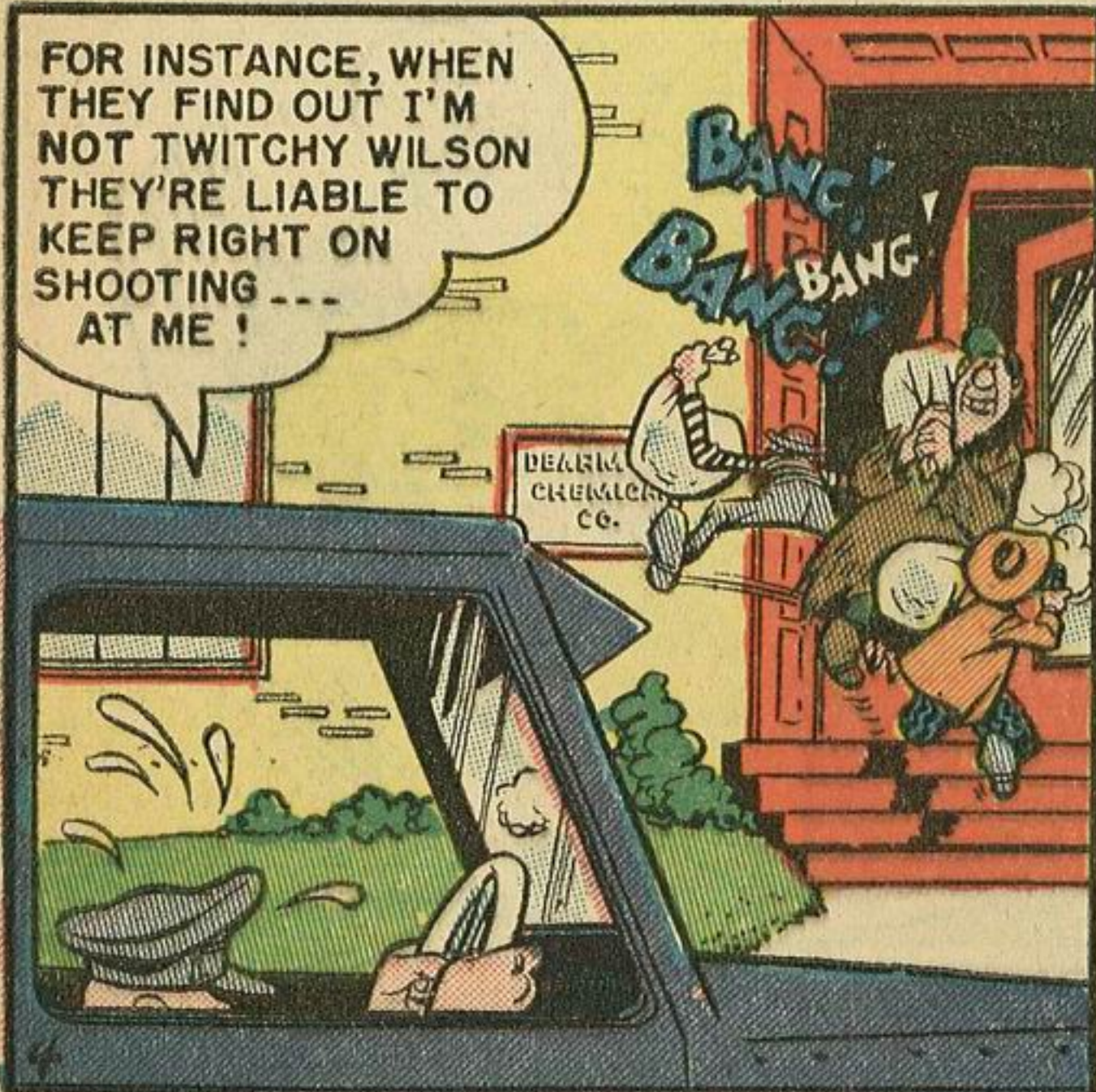
TH-THANKS!



I HOPE PLASTIC MAN
ISN'T FAR BEHIND ME !
I CAN FORESEE ALL
SORTS OF HITCHES
IN THIS SCHEME !



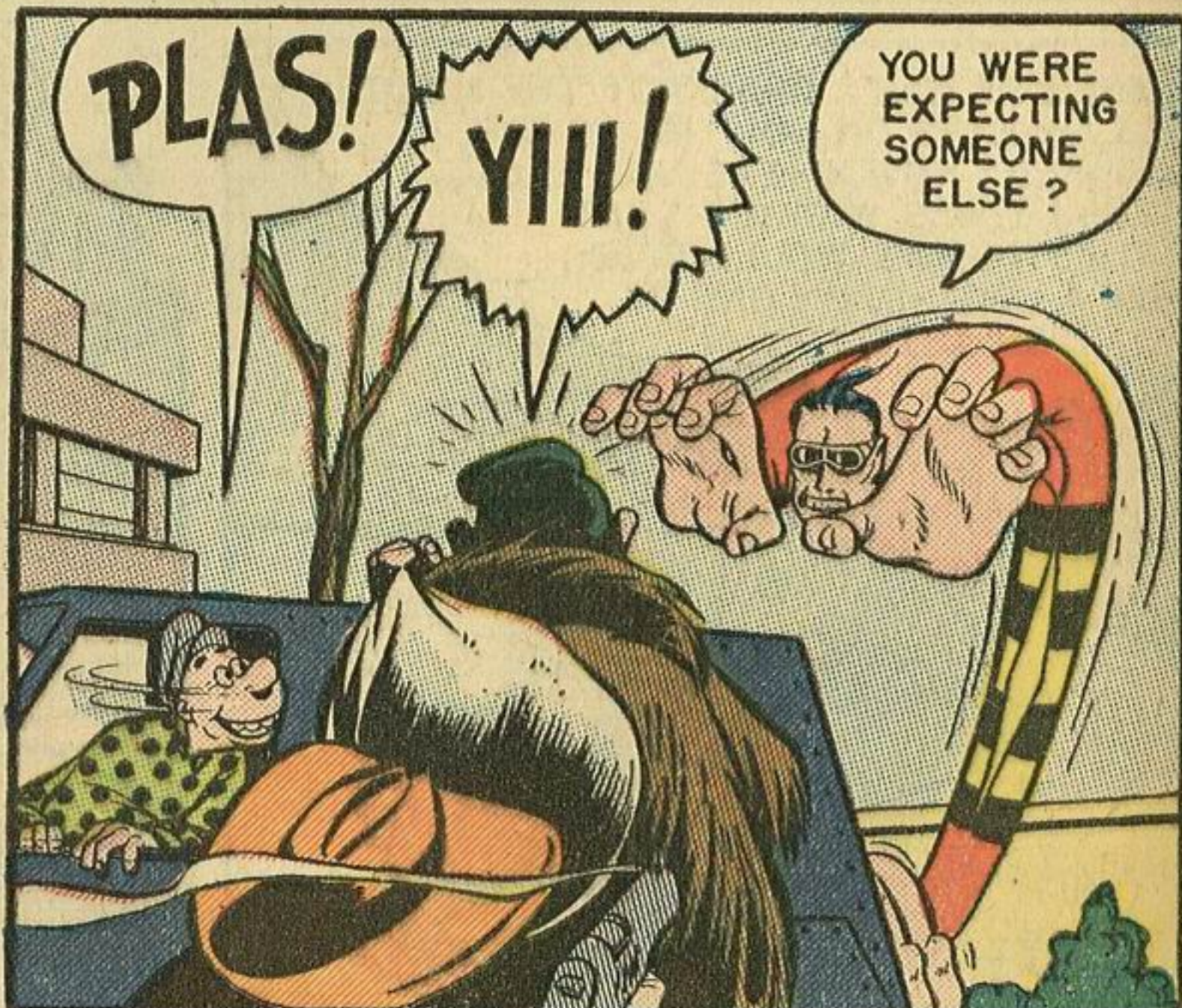
FOR INSTANCE, WHEN
THEY FIND OUT I'M
NOT TWITCHY WILSON
THEY'RE LIABLE TO
KEEP RIGHT ON
SHOOTING ---
AT ME !



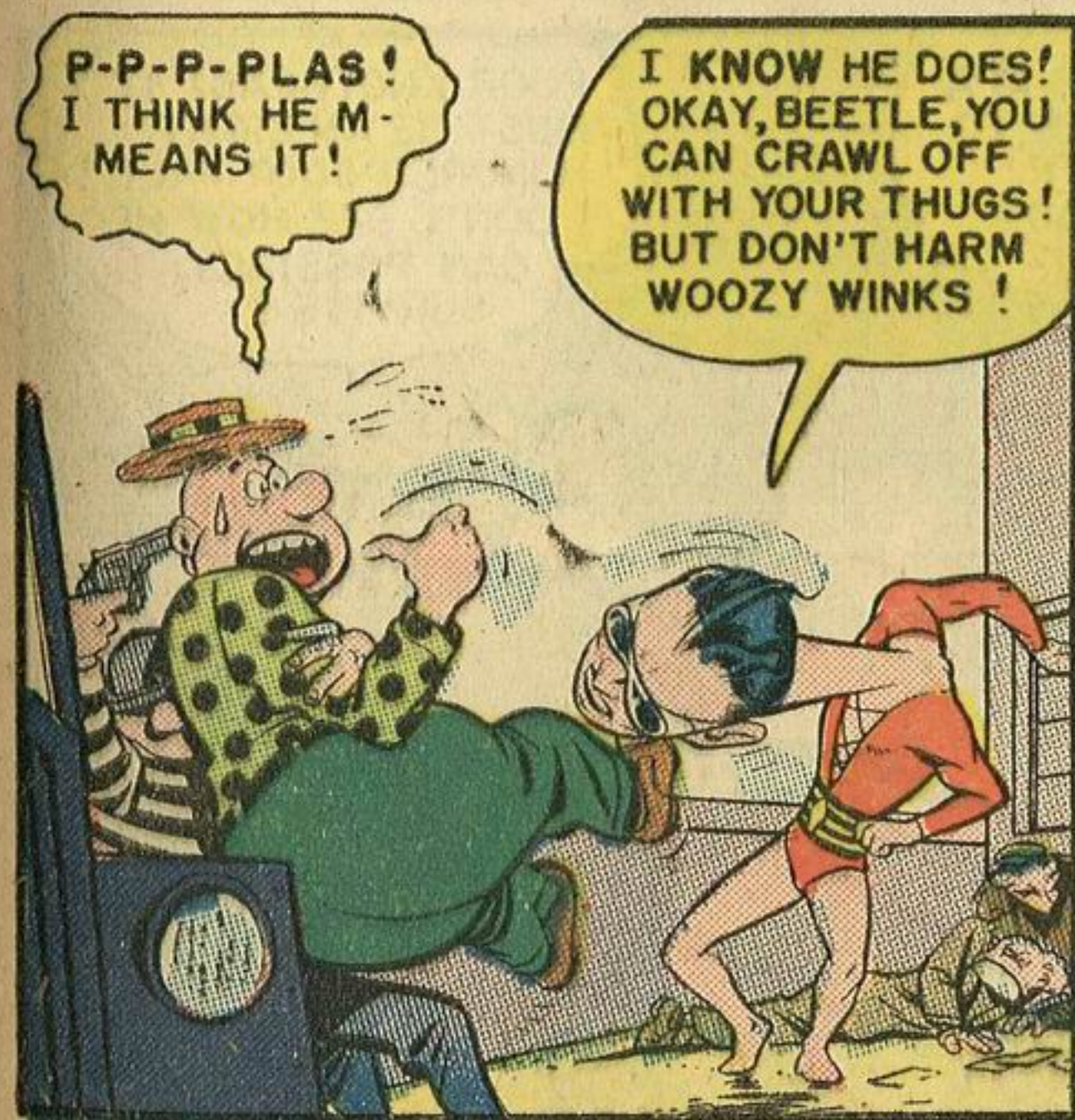
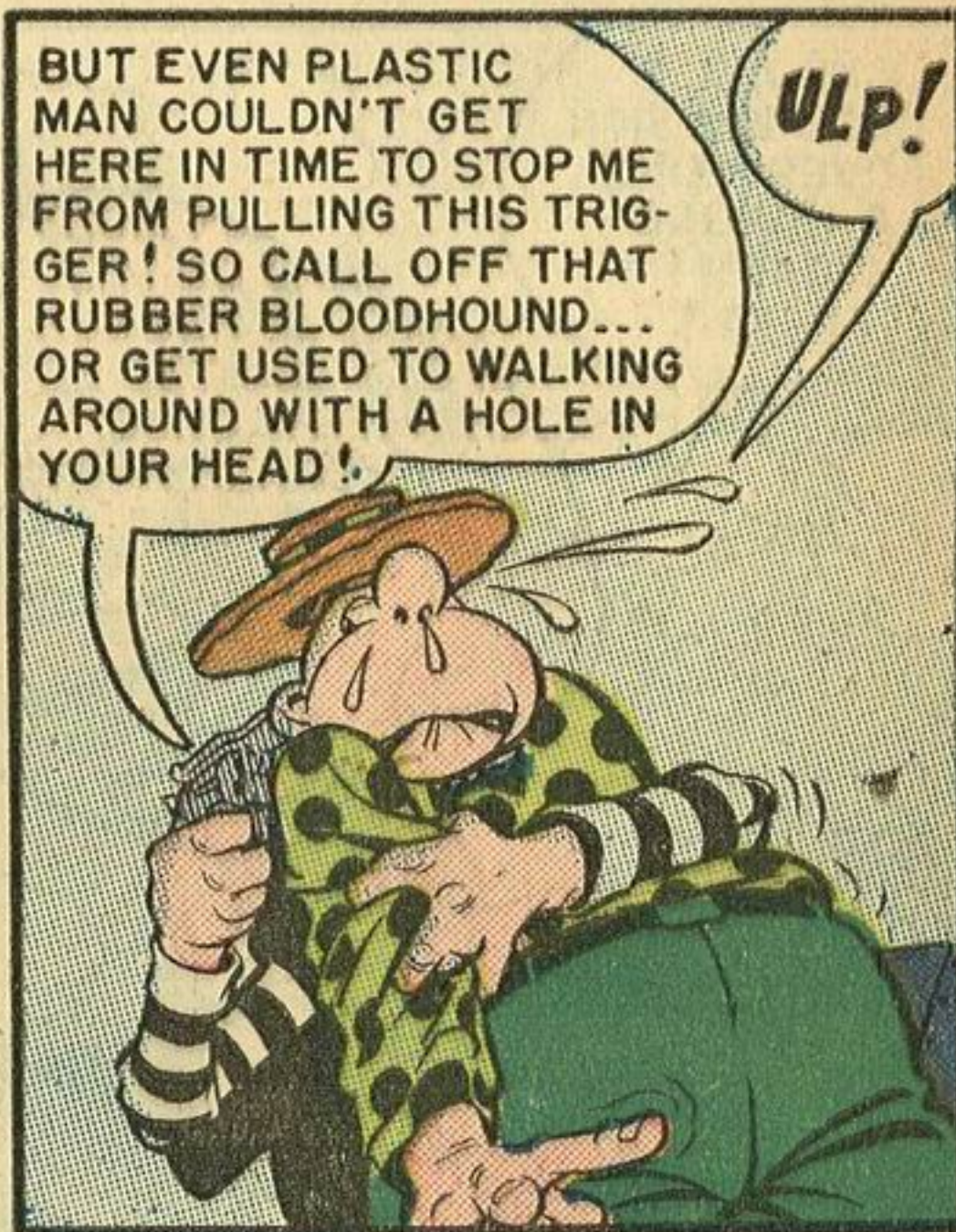
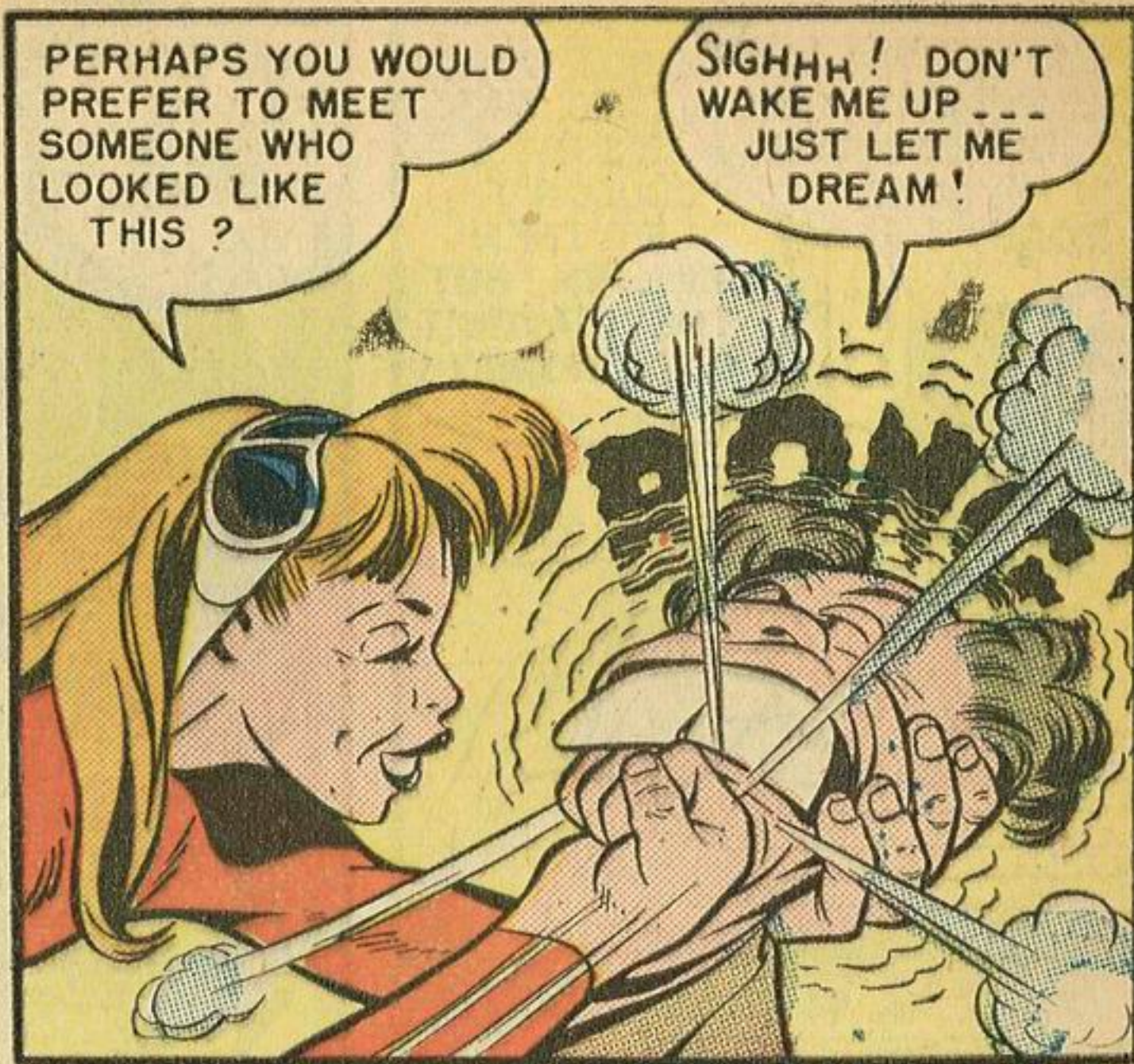
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YIII!

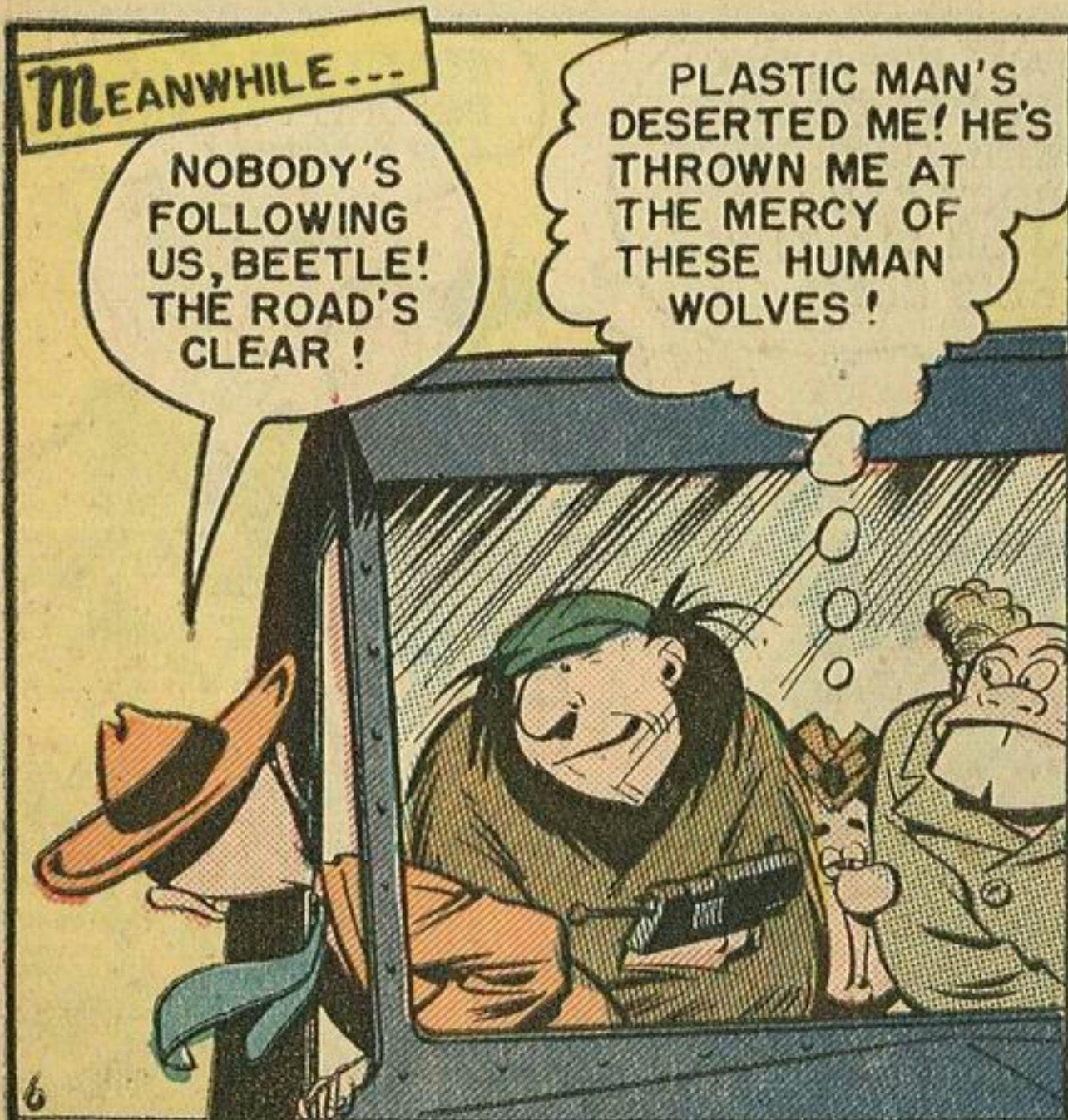
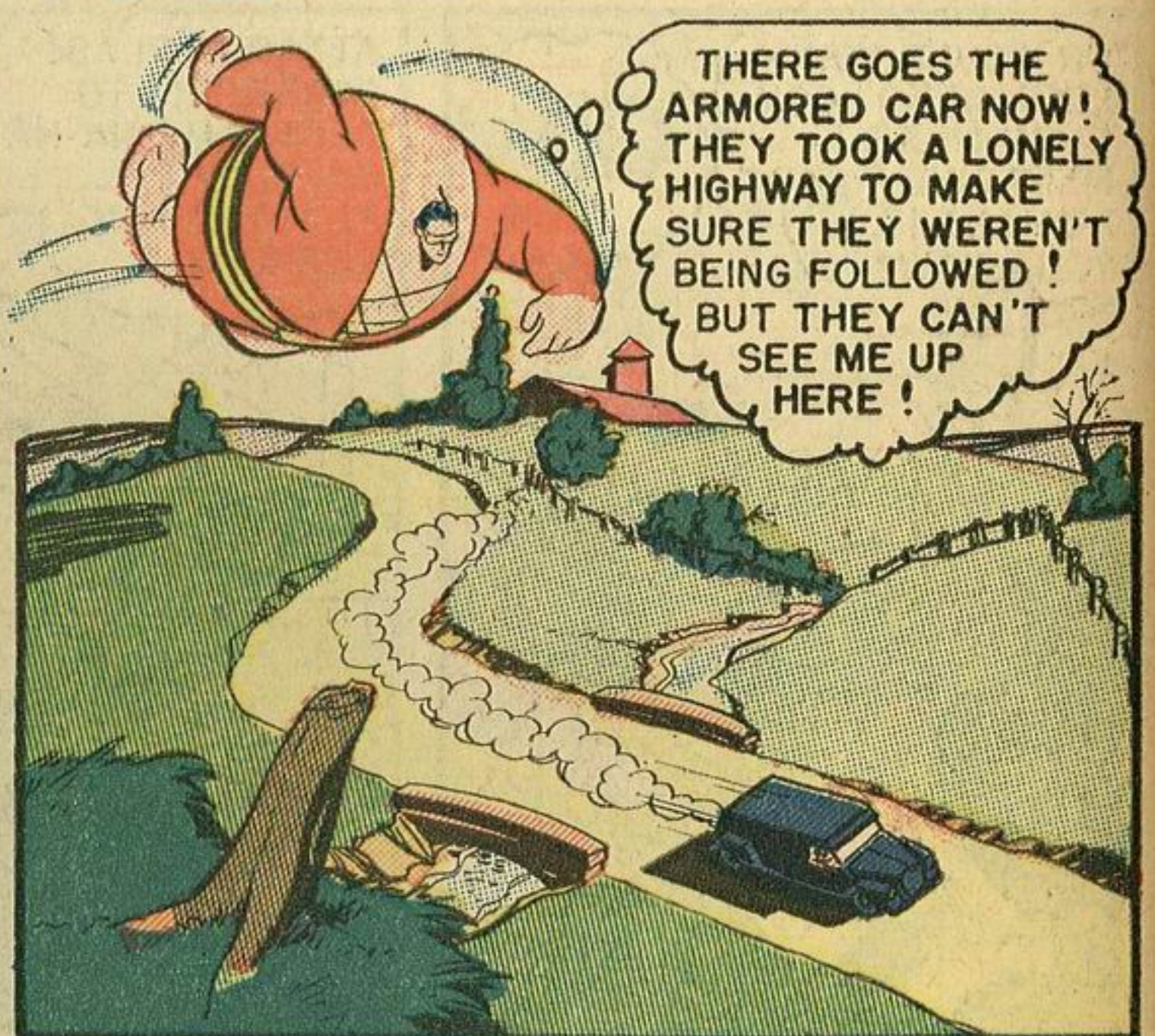
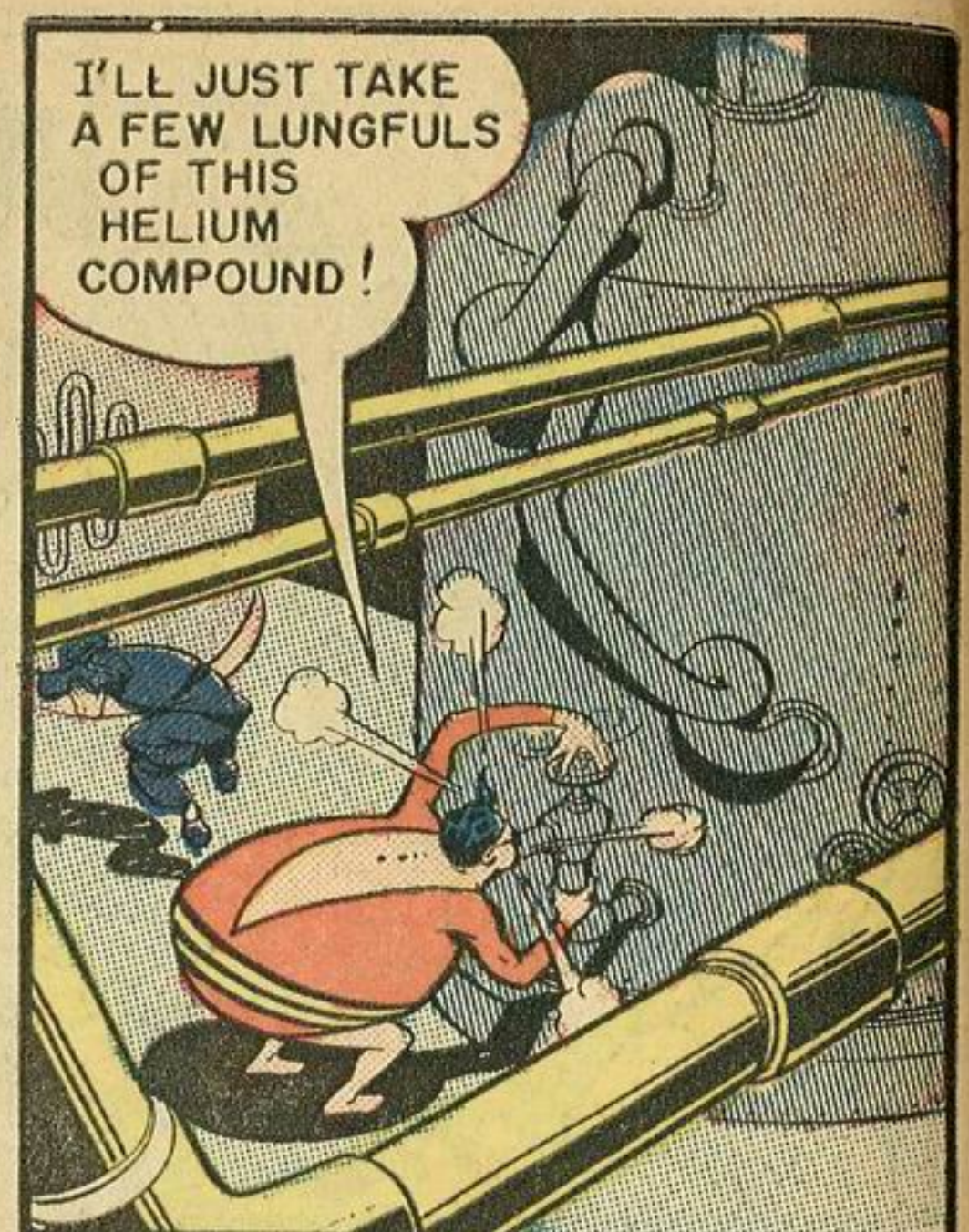
YOU WERE
EXPECTING
SOMEONE
ELSE ?



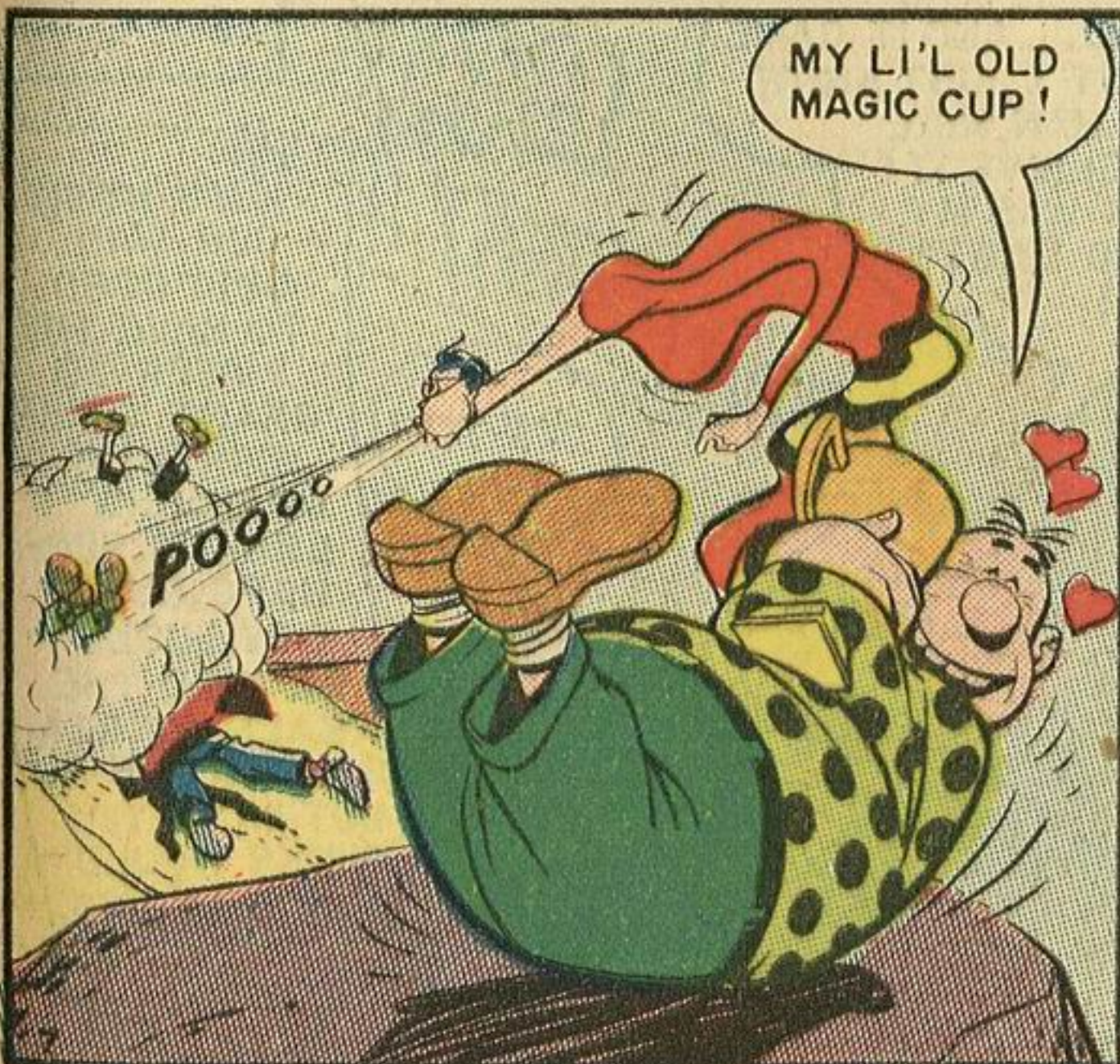
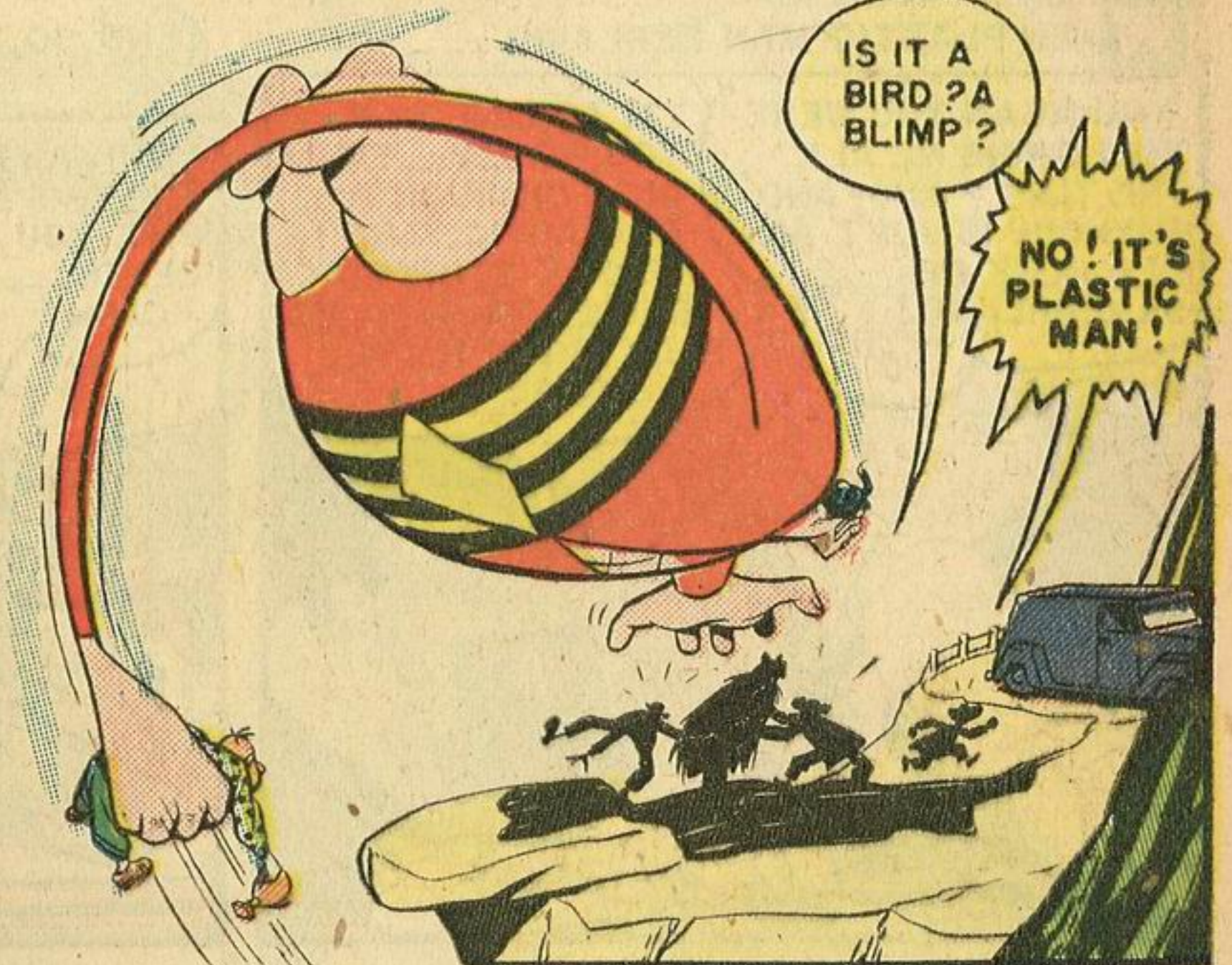
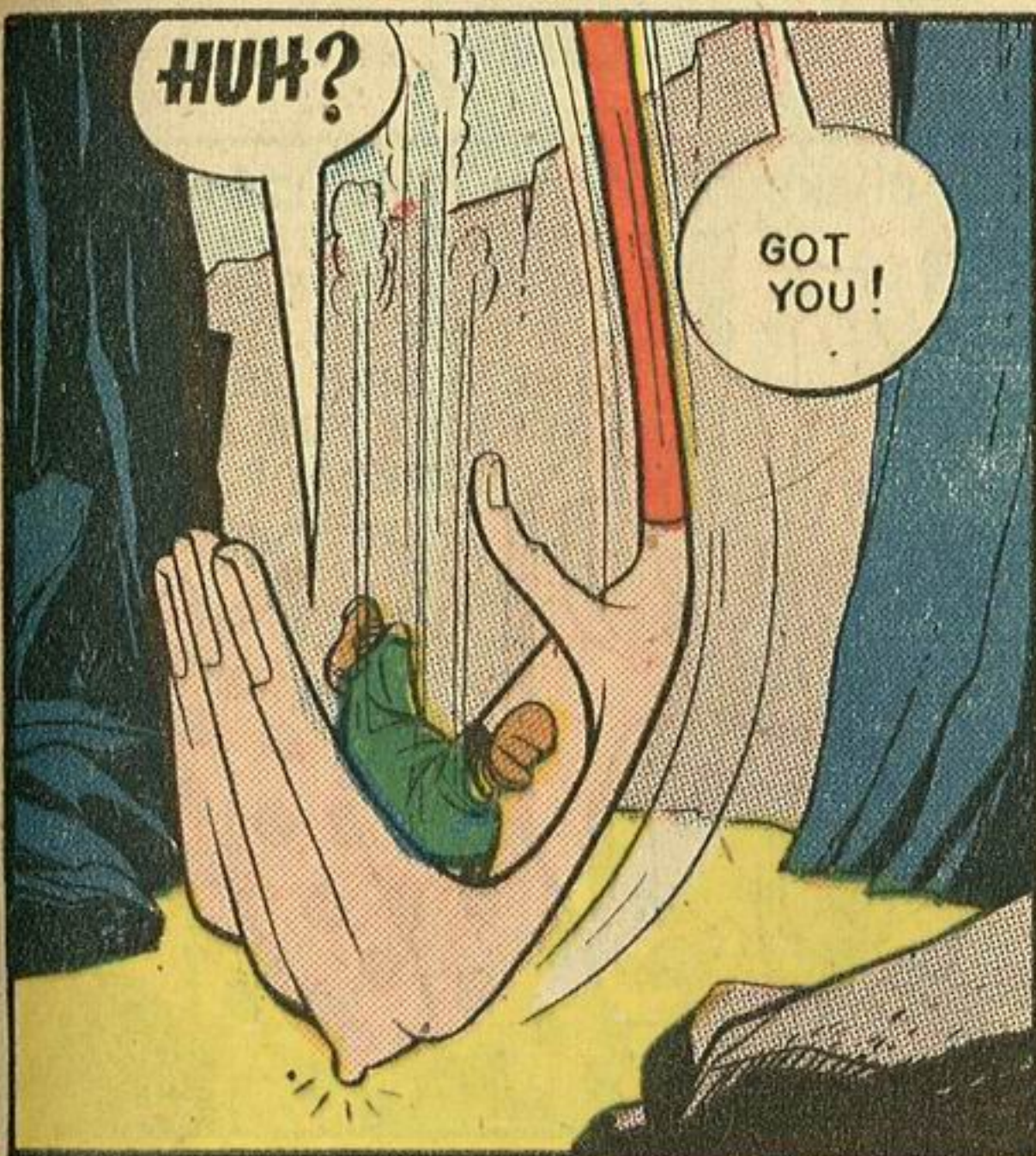
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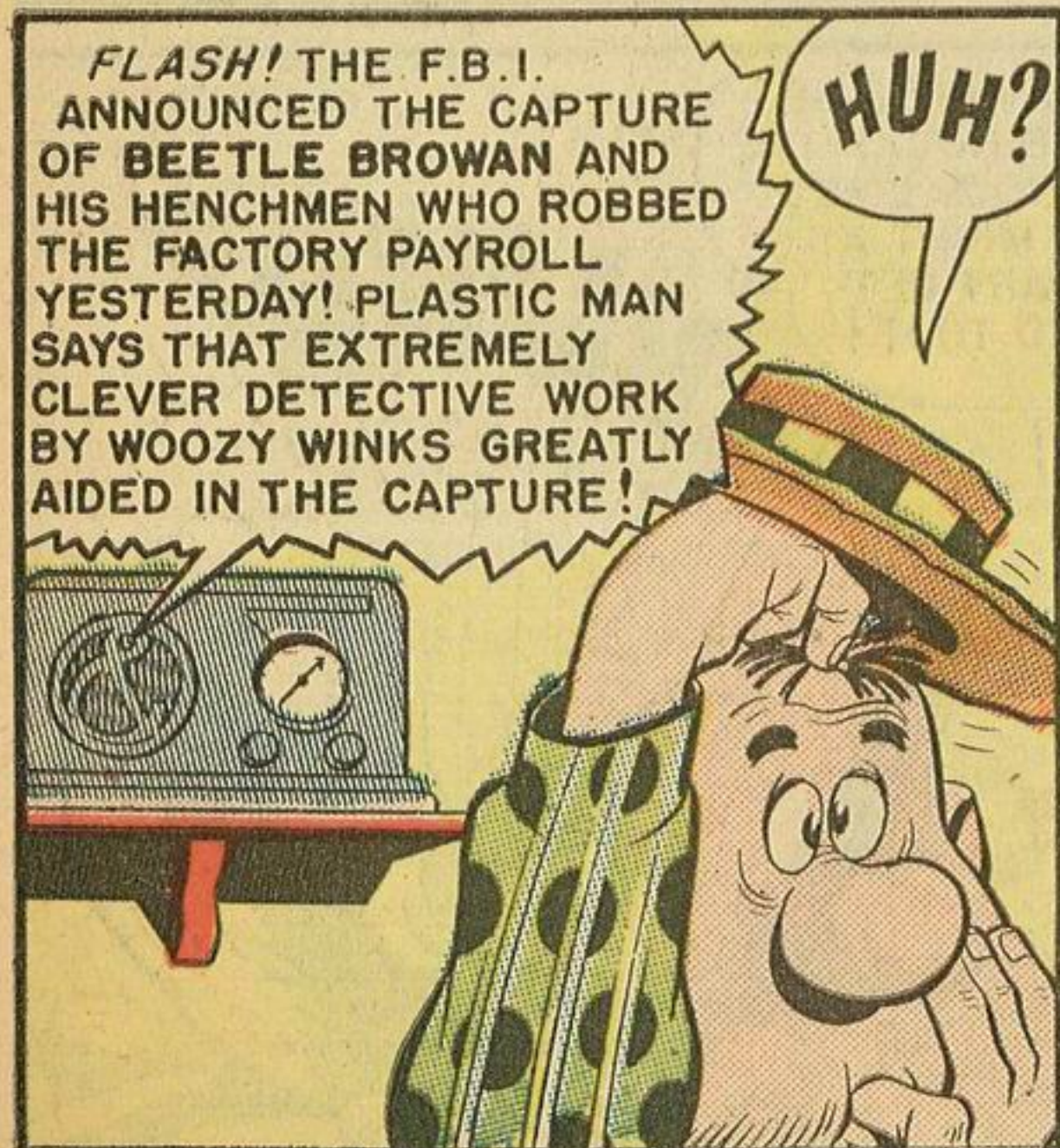
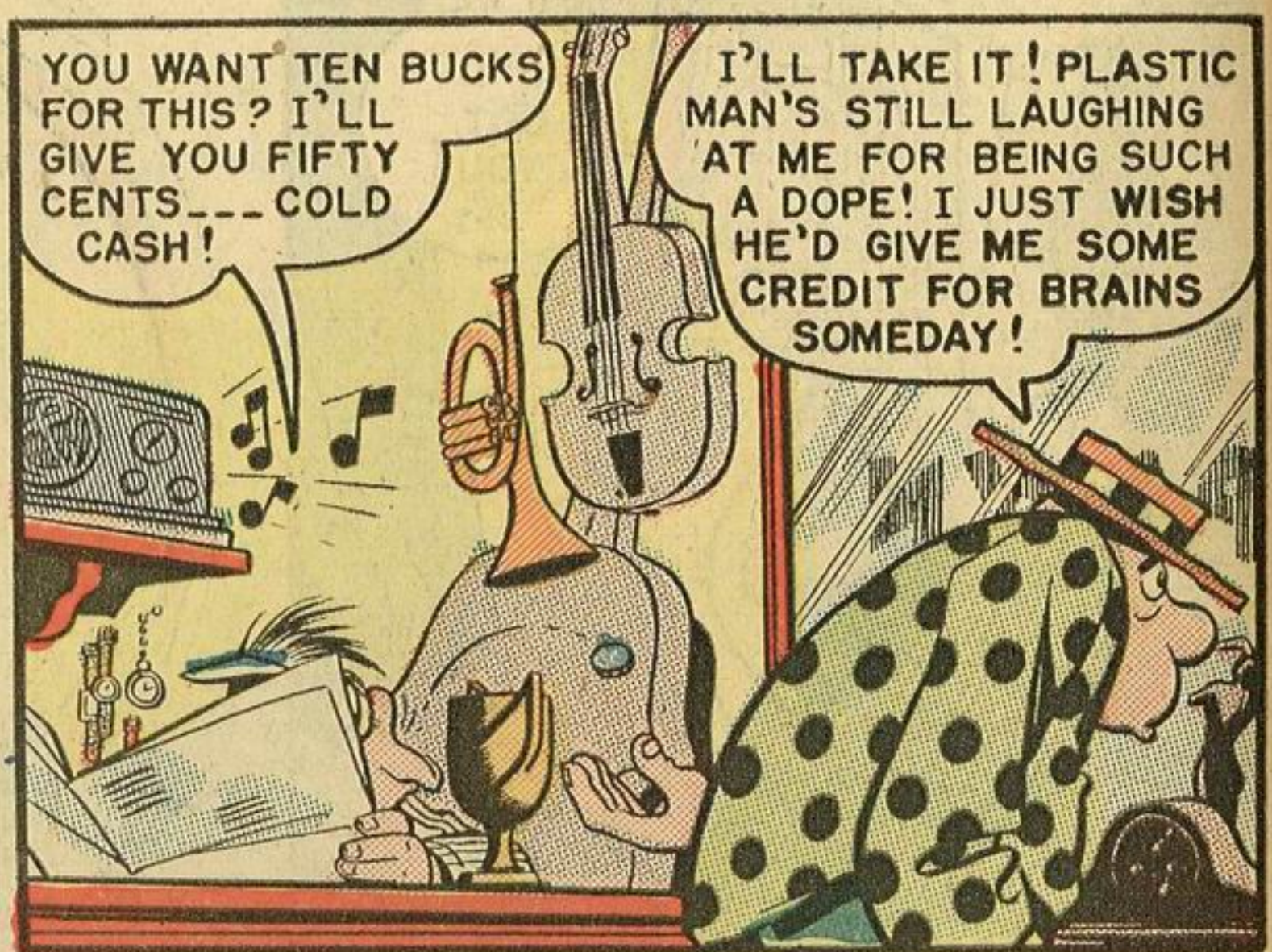
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WHEN PLASTIC MAN EXPLAINS ---



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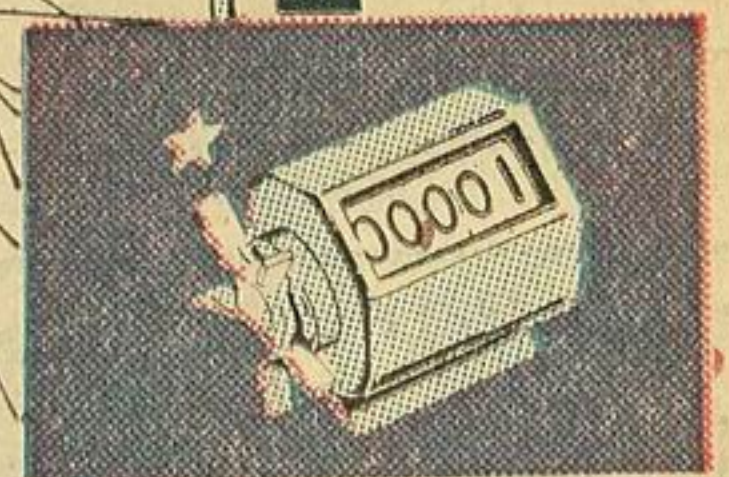
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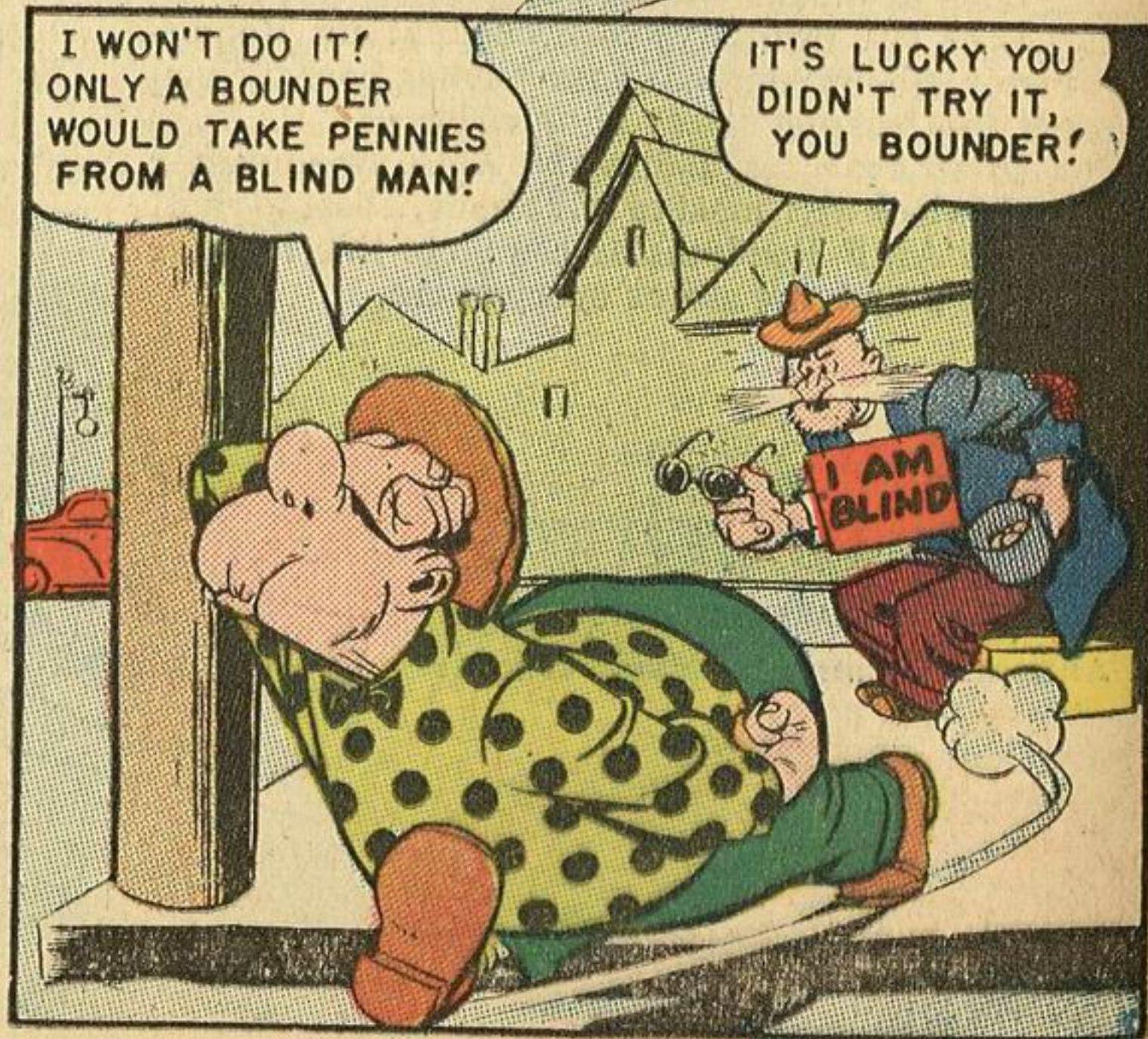
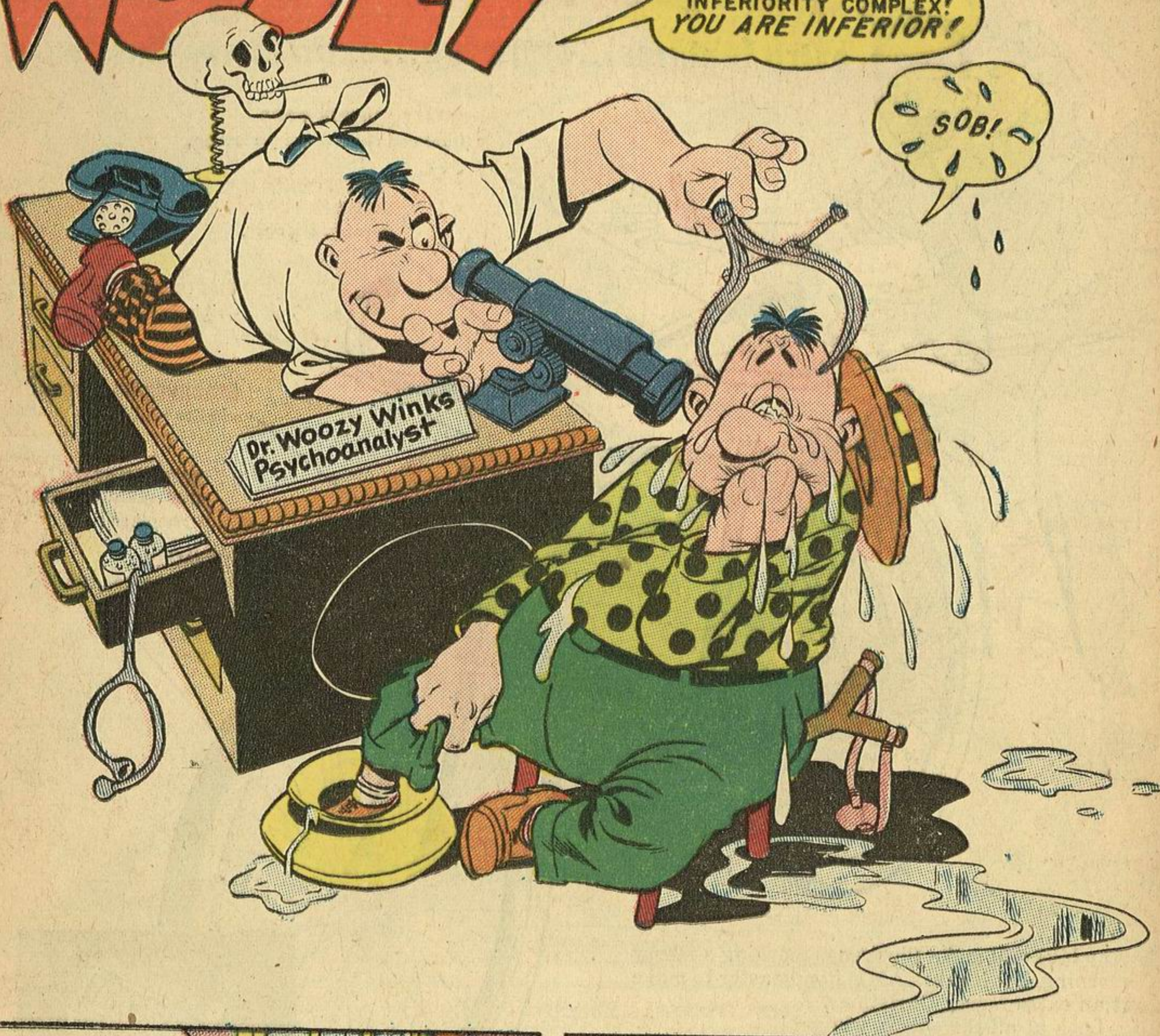
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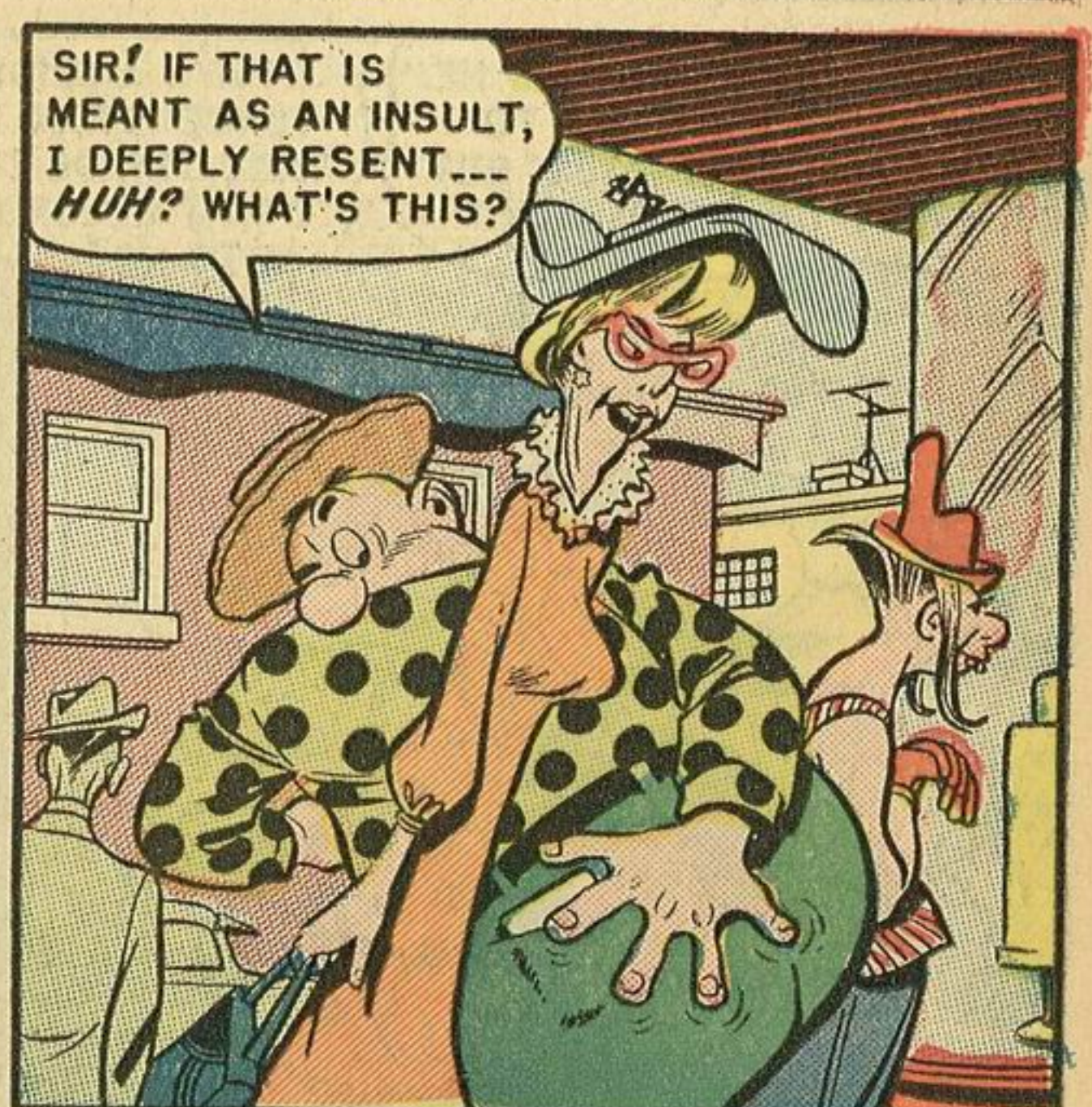
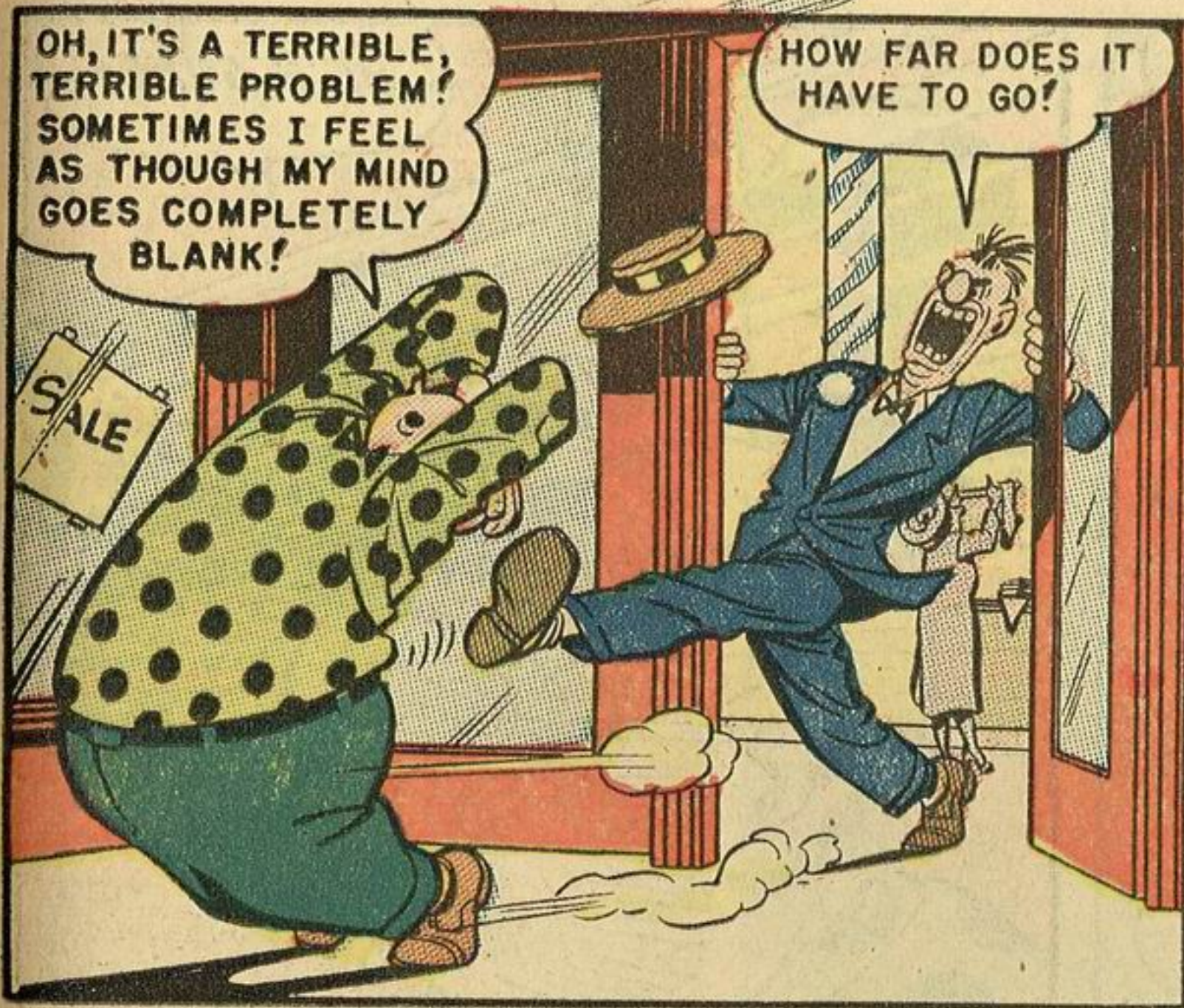
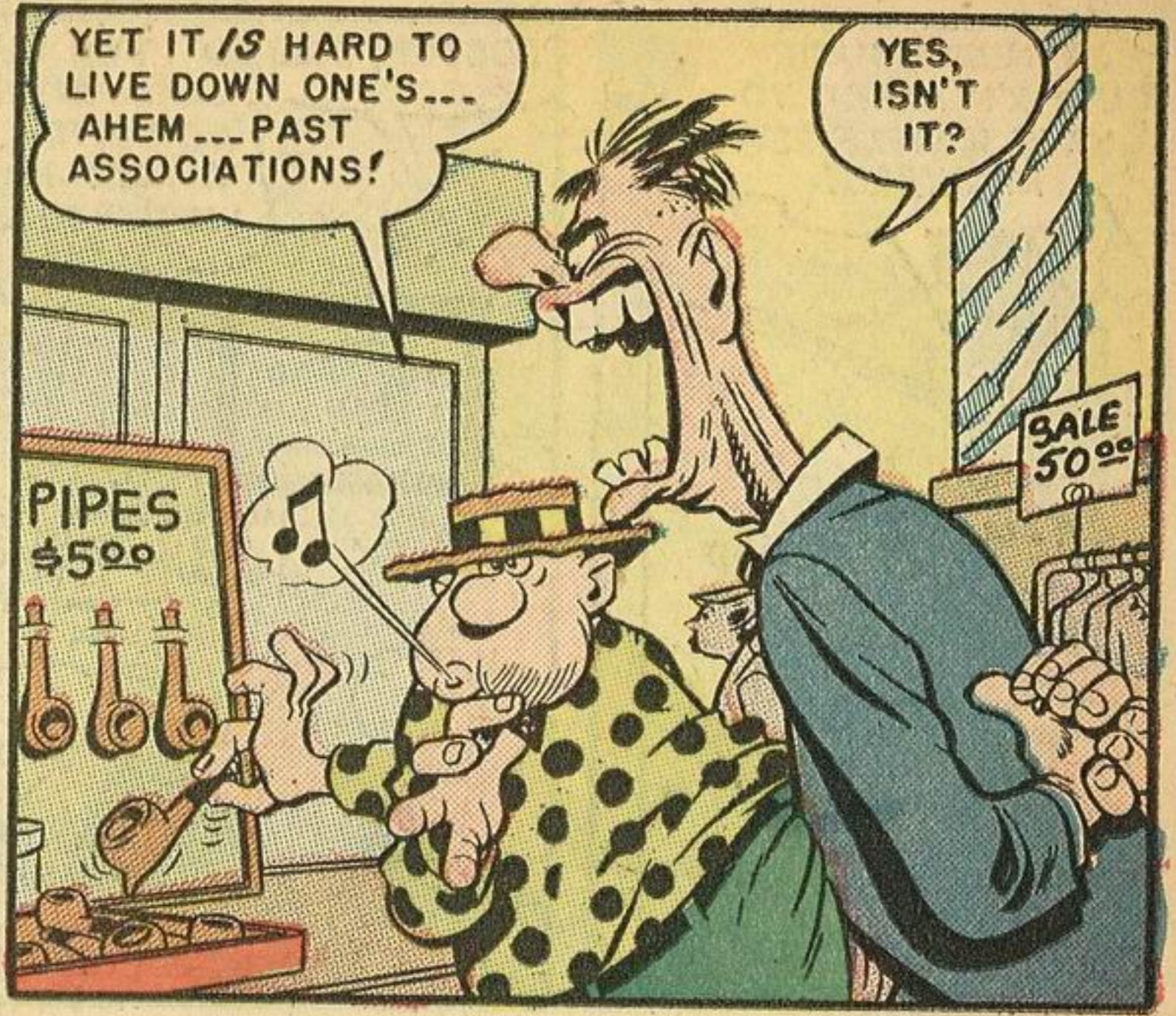
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MY DEAR FELLOW,
THERE'S ONLY ONE
REASON WHY YOU ARE
SUFFERING FROM AN
INFERIORITY COMPLEX!
YOU ARE INFERIOR!

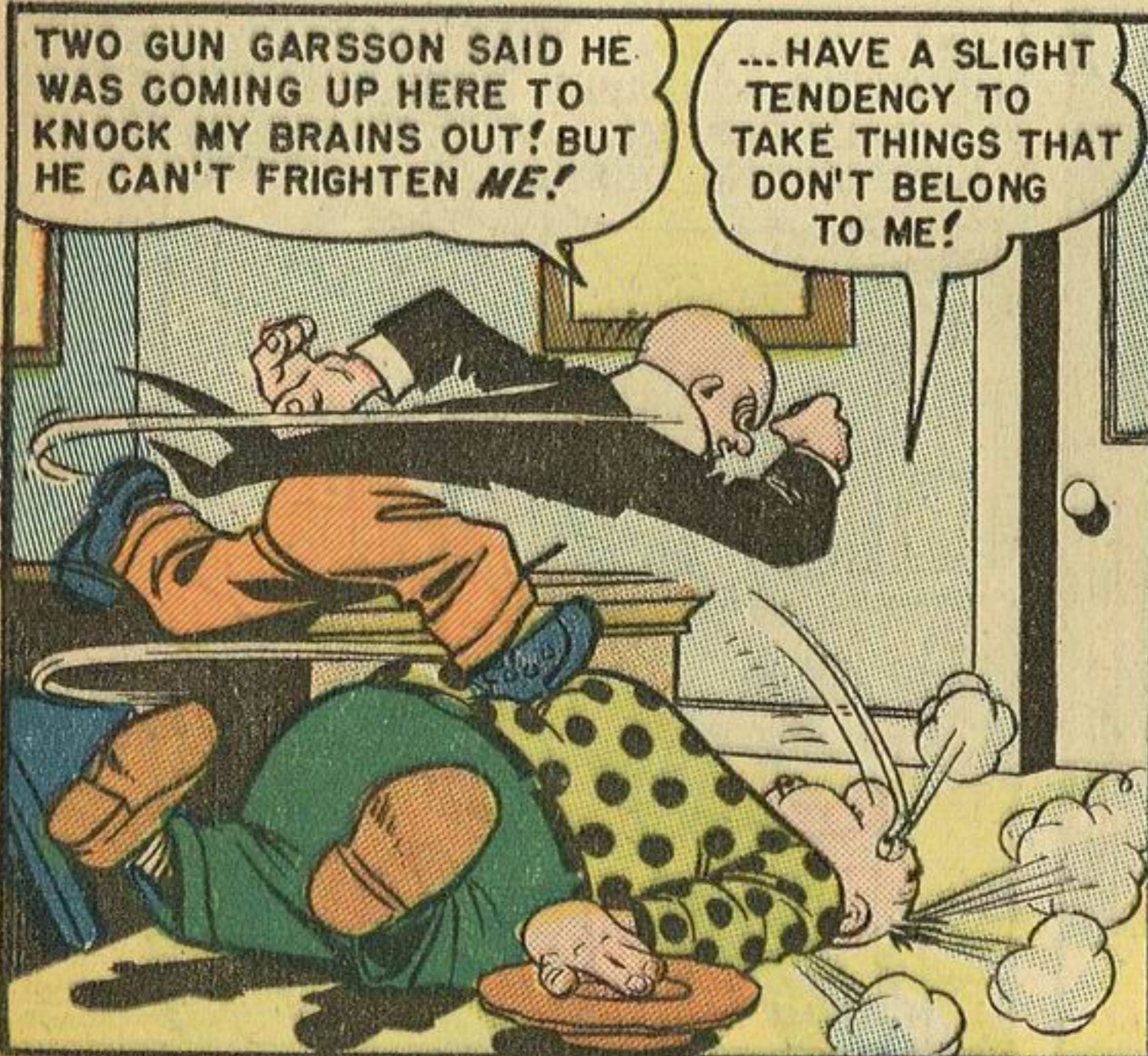
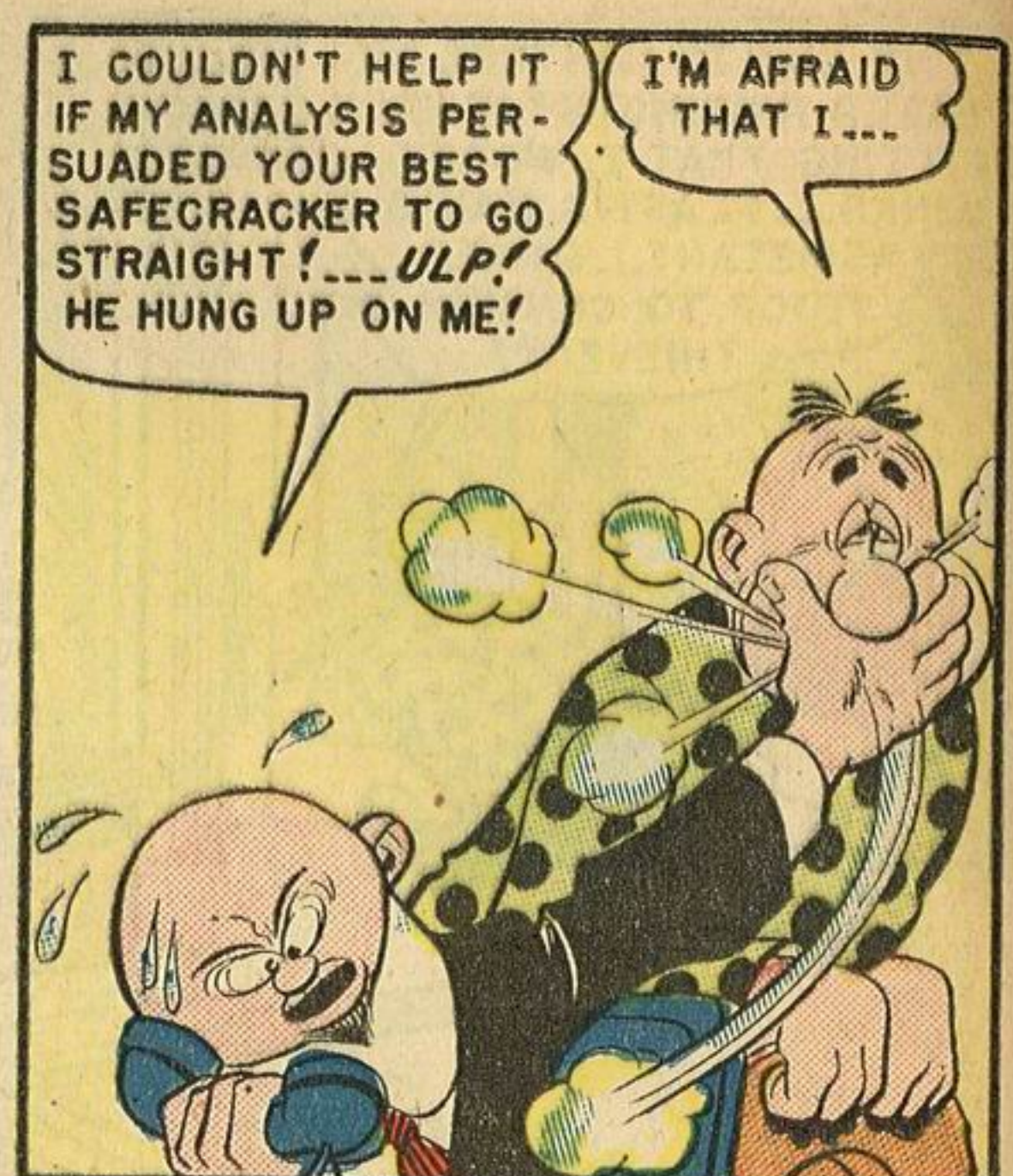
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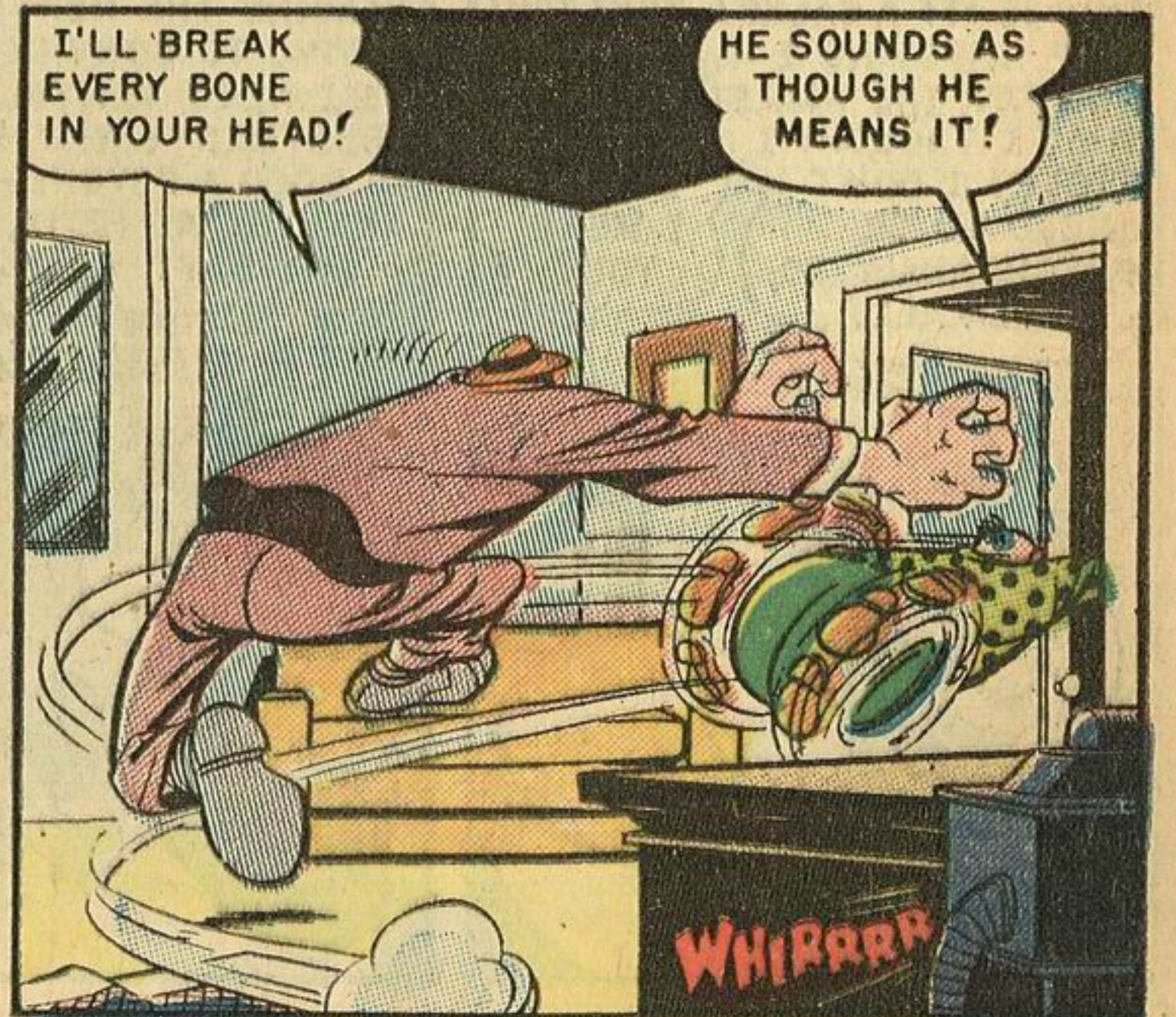
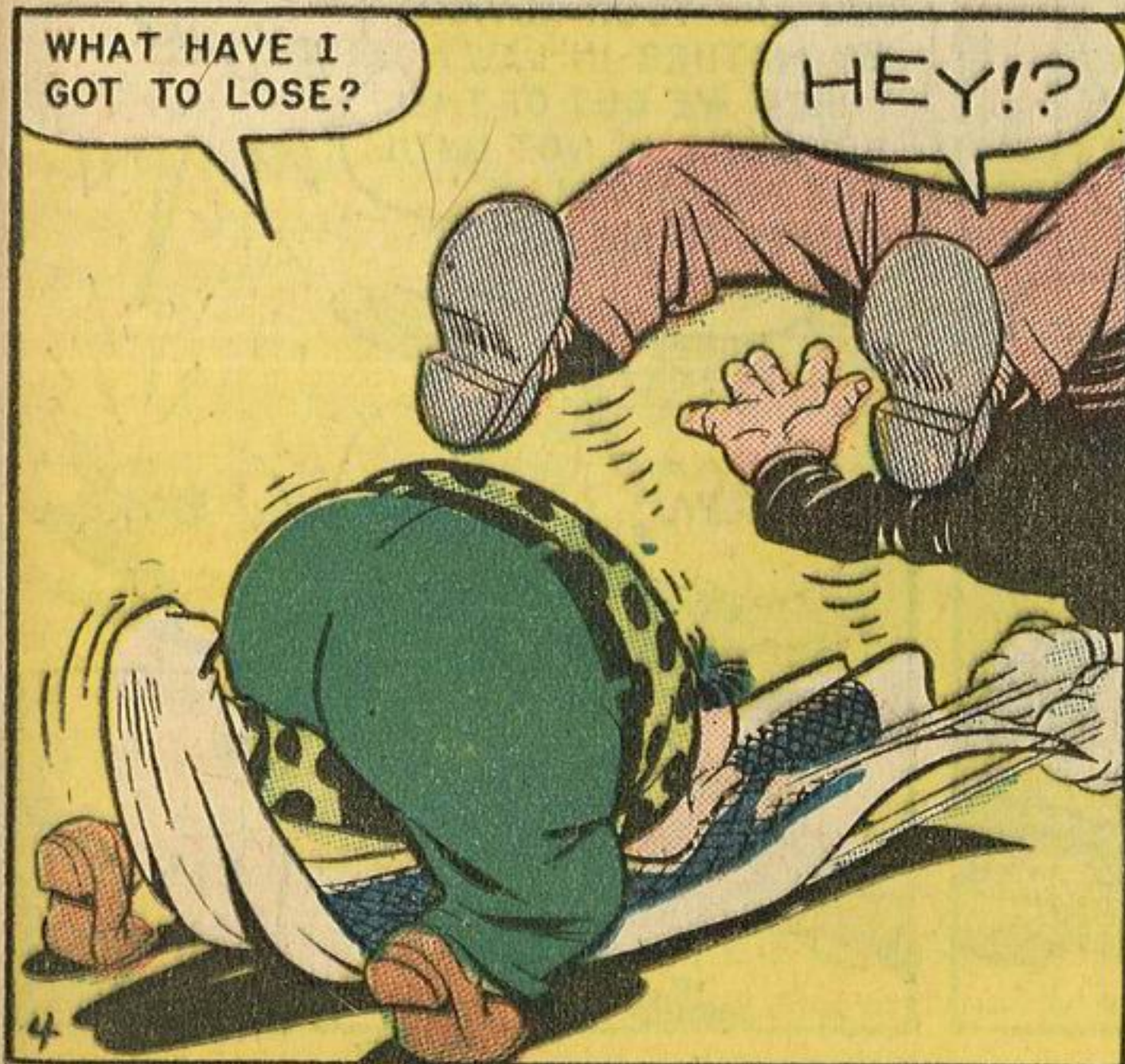
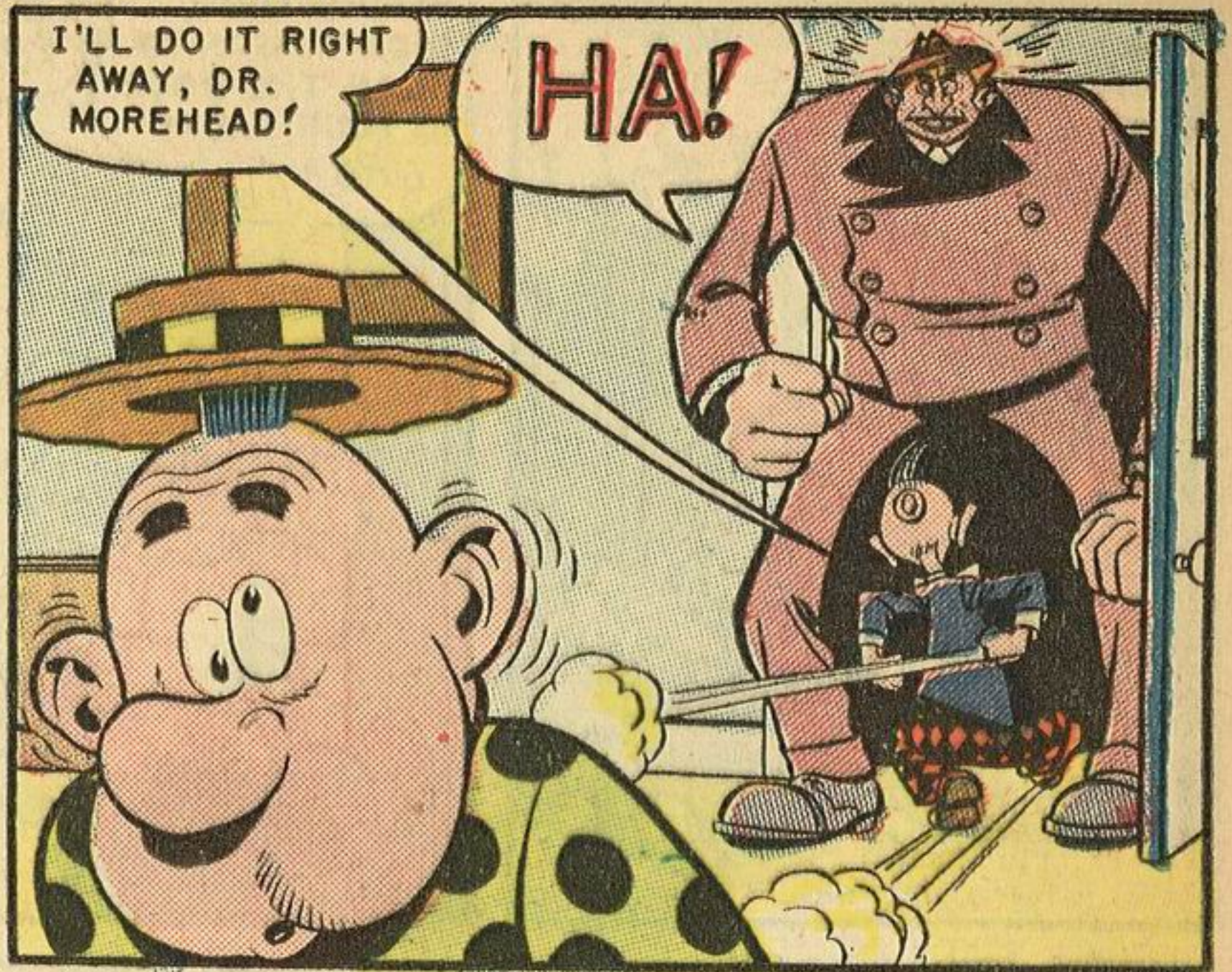
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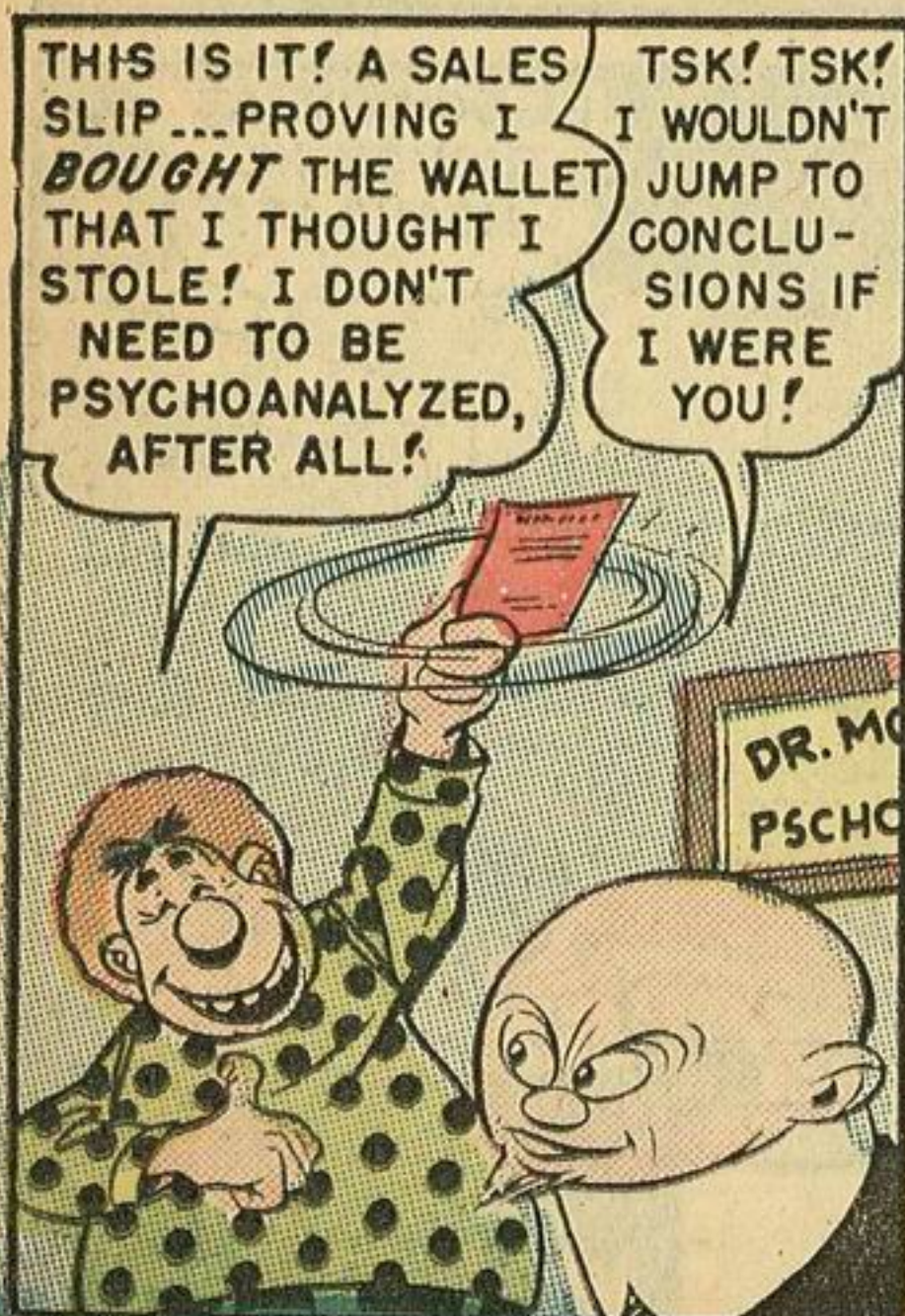
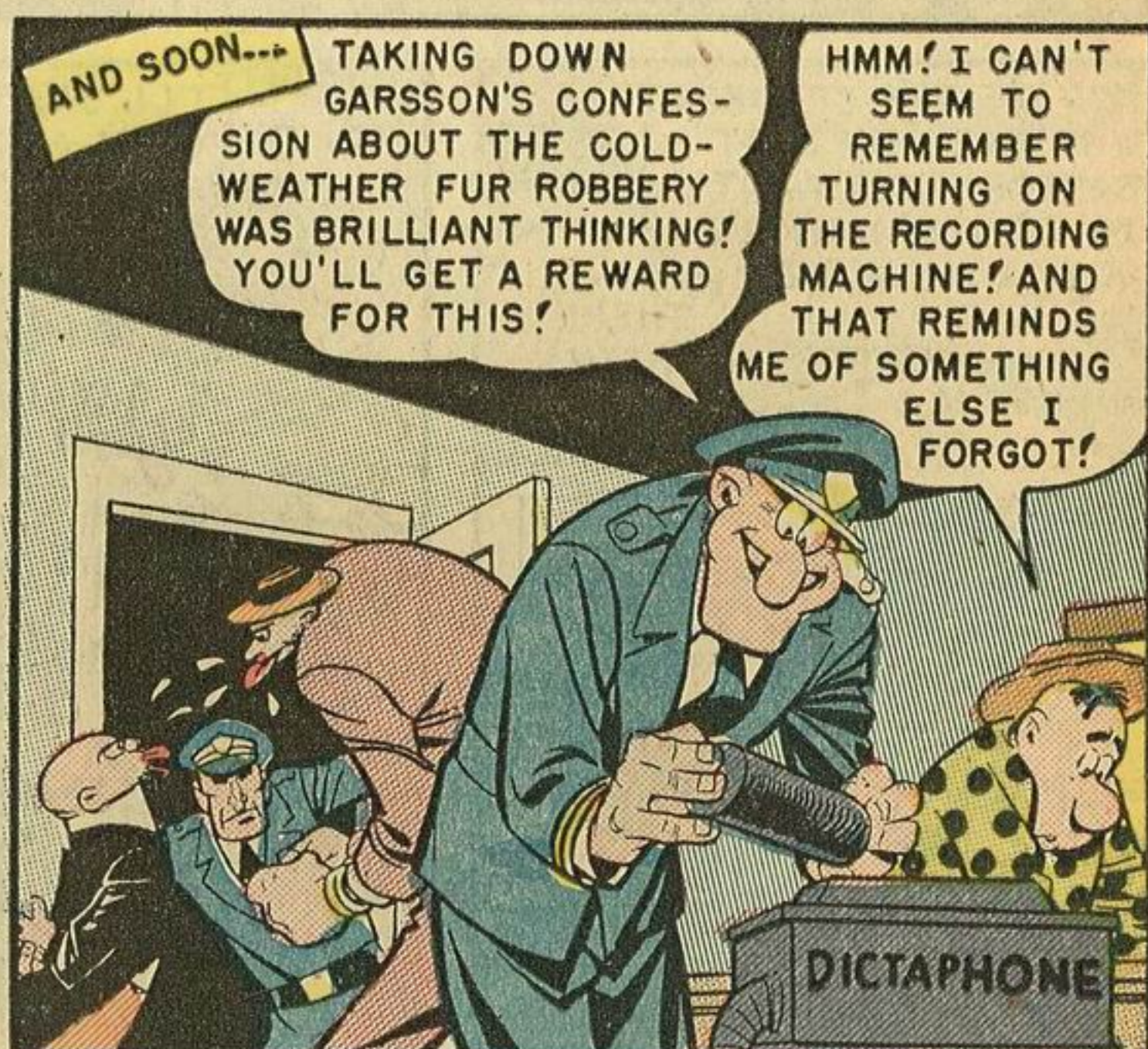
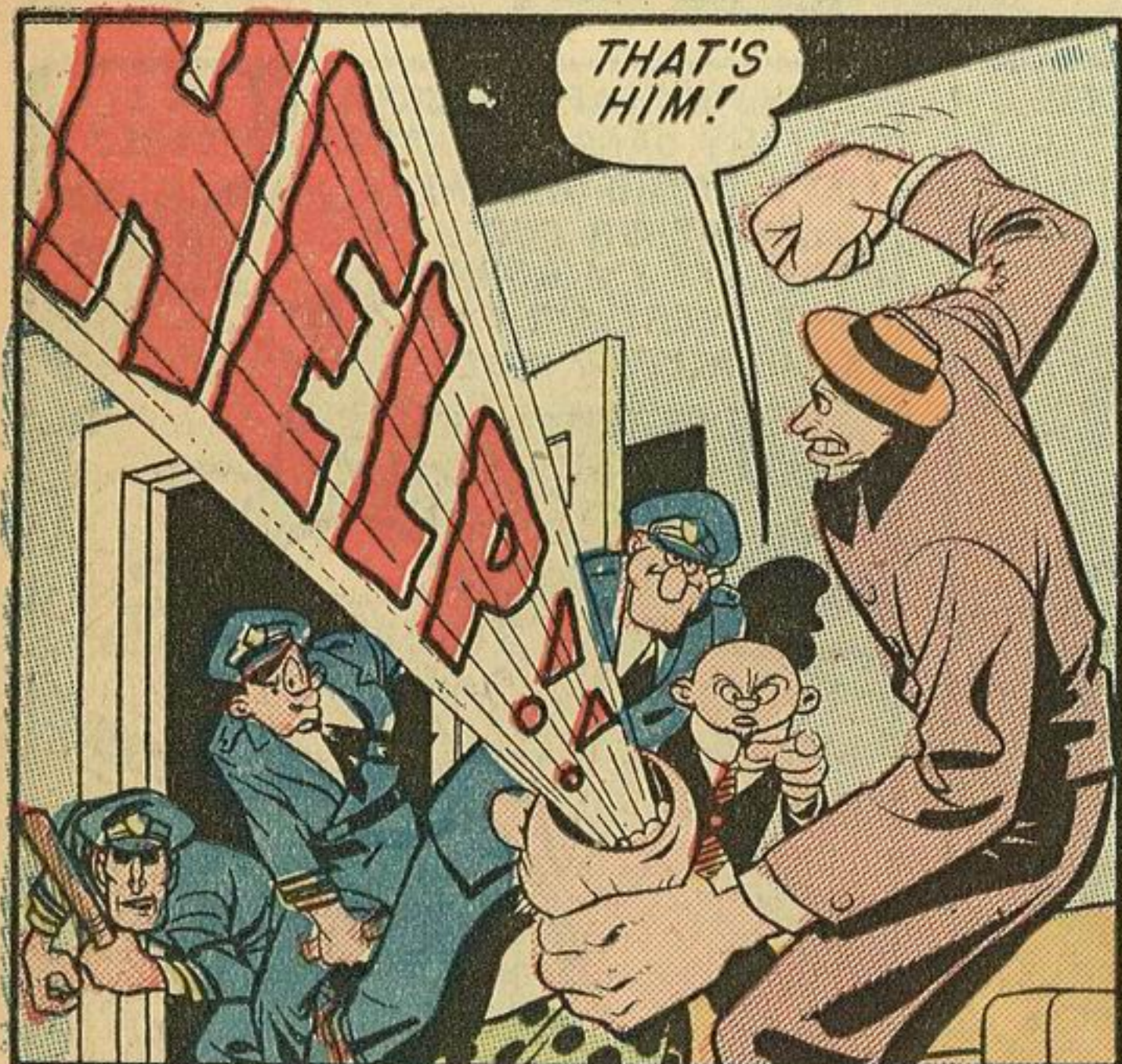
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A Lesson Well Learned

THE Professor" watched the six men file into the room and take seats facing him and the blackboard. "A motley group," he muttered to himself bitterly, "but they'll have to do." The men said nothing to each other, but remained attentive until "The Professor" broke the silence.

"Now if you gentlemen are ready to begin, I'll continue from where I left off. I was telling you about the job I pulled at the Second National Bank in Albany back in '36. It won acclaim as the slickest safe-cracking operation in police records."

"The Professor" talked on in the most unique lecture these six men had ever heard. They were learning from one of the country's experts how to open a combination safe and escape unmolested with the loot. Each week "The Professor" held class, and he was as strict as any college professor might be. His lecture was as scholarly as if he were discussing the decline of the Roman Empire, and he didn't fail to hold periodic examinations to test his students. Because of this severe training, the police had been baffled for years by the magic formula that made any safe within the vicinity a pushover for this notorious gang of criminals.

Some of his men had objected to the school-room approach to learning and openly rebelled, but they soon learned that it wasn't wise to argue with "The Professor." He reigned supreme, and no one had the last word except himself.

He did have pet pupils though, and when he spotted someone he felt was bright and talented, he coddled him as if he were a precious stone. Of the six men in the class, Sid Russell fell into "The Professor's" favorite group. He had the highest marks of anyone in the class and always showed interest in whatever "The Professor" had to say.

"You were the only one to make a perfect mark on the last examination, Sid," beamed "The Professor." "If you keep up your record, you'll be in the big money someday."

"Thanks, Professor," Sid smiled modestly. "I can't lose. Ain't you the best teacher a guy could have?"

Flattery had a certain effect on "The Professor" too. He felt justified in being conceited about his own cleverness and enjoyed any recognition paid to his ingenuity. "This Sid Russell is going straight to the top of the racket," he said to himself, "I know a big time operator when I see him."

The day "The Professor" got a hot tip about the money-packed safe at the Simmon's Storage Company, he decided to give Sid a few pointers in action. Even at that very moment Sid knew more than some of the men who'd been with "The Professor" for years.

"Okay, Sid," he said. "I'm going to take you with me this time and show you how an expert works on the job. I've got everything planned—we can't lose."

Sid eagerly leaned over a sketch that "The Professor" had made of the Simmon's office, memorizing in a few moments every detail.

"Smart! That's what you are!" "The Professor" marvelled. "I've never met a fellow like you!"

Eleven o'clock that night was the zero hour and Sid and "The Professor" slowly drank a cup of coffee in a nearby restaurant and watched a big electric clock over the counter. A few minutes before the appointed time, they paid their check and left. They had only half a block to walk, but to avoid attracting attention, they kept a moderate pace. At exactly eleven, they passed a gagged guard whom another member of "The Professor's" gang had tied up, and they headed toward the front office and the safe. Both "The Professor" and Sid worked cautiously, making certain that any wire that could warn the police had been cut. In a few moments they stood in front of the safe breathing more easily.

"Good work," said the excited "Professor." "Now stand back and just watch me!"

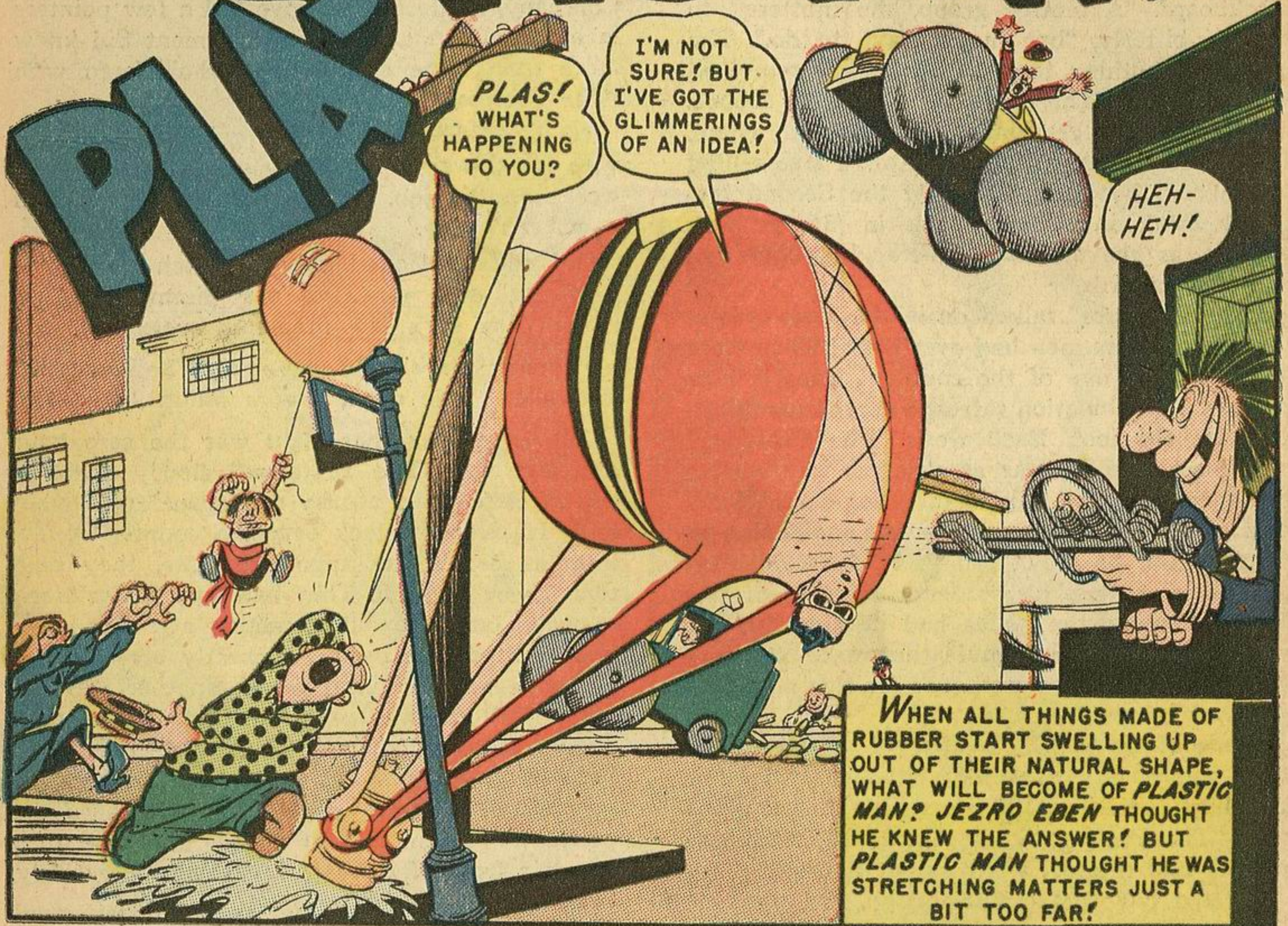
He leaned his head down toward the combination and listened intently for the tumblers. 64-10-34-78—open! He greedily reached inside and pulled out a number of small packages filled with bills. Hastily he began to shove the packages into a black collapsible bag he had carried with him. When he closed the bag, the lights went on!

"What does this mean?" he asked, eyeing Sid and three strange men holding revolvers.

"This means, Professor," said Sid, "that I'm Sergeant Russell of Police Headquarters and you are under arrest. We've been after you for a long time—but I think we can plan on having you around for an even longer time!"

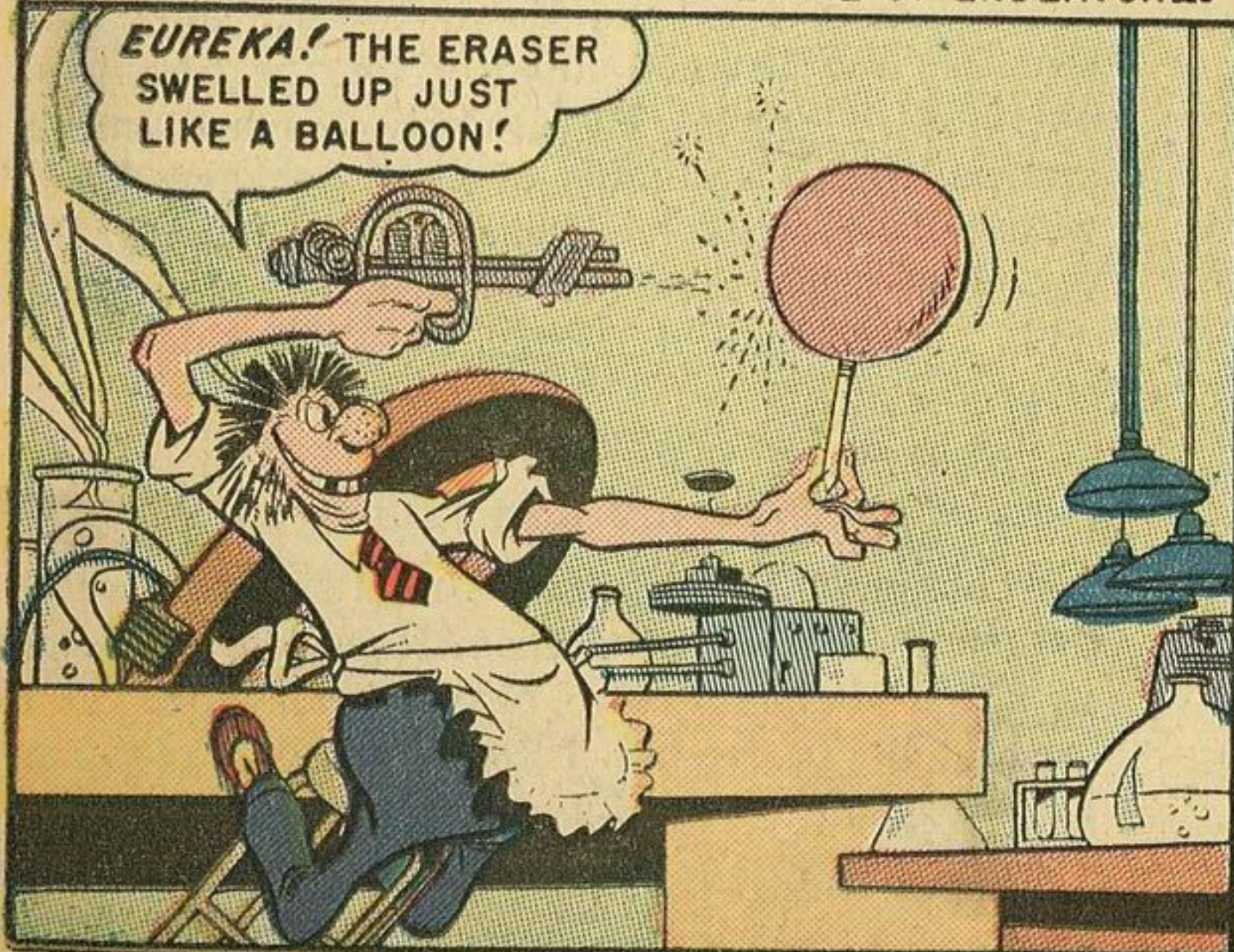
"The Professor" shook his head unbelievably. "I never thought a cop would trick me," he said. "Russell, you're not just smart! You're a downright genius!"

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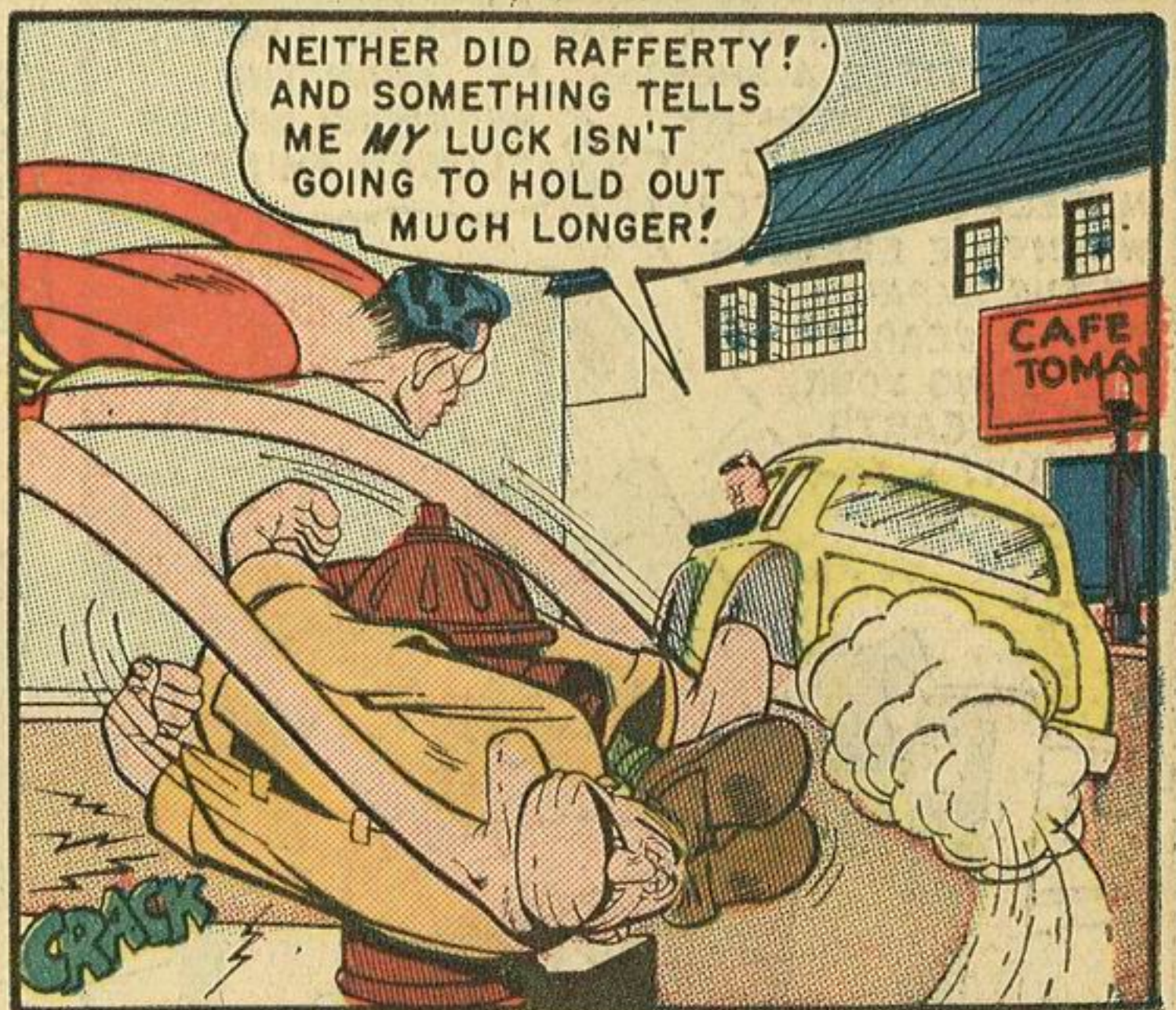
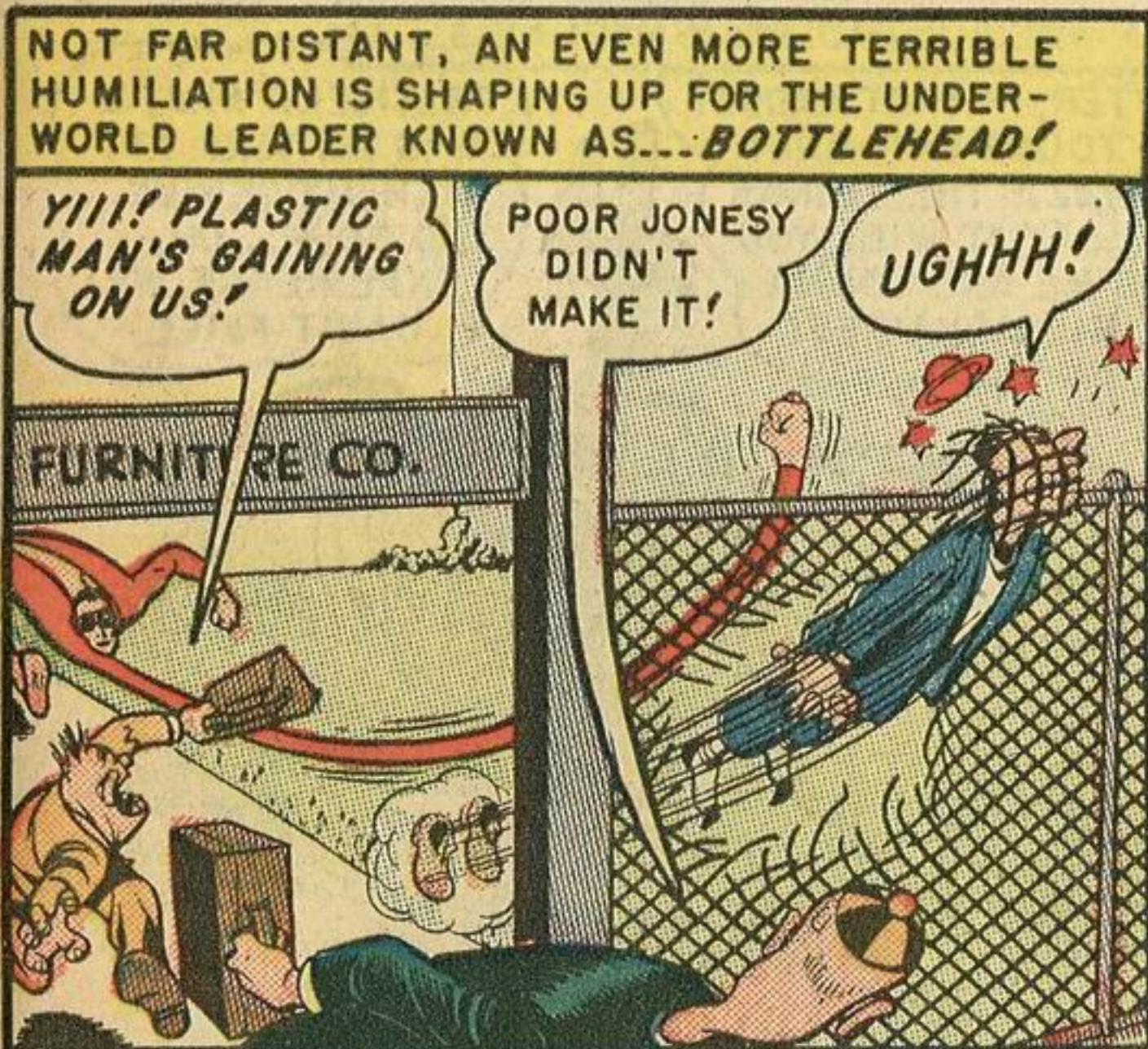
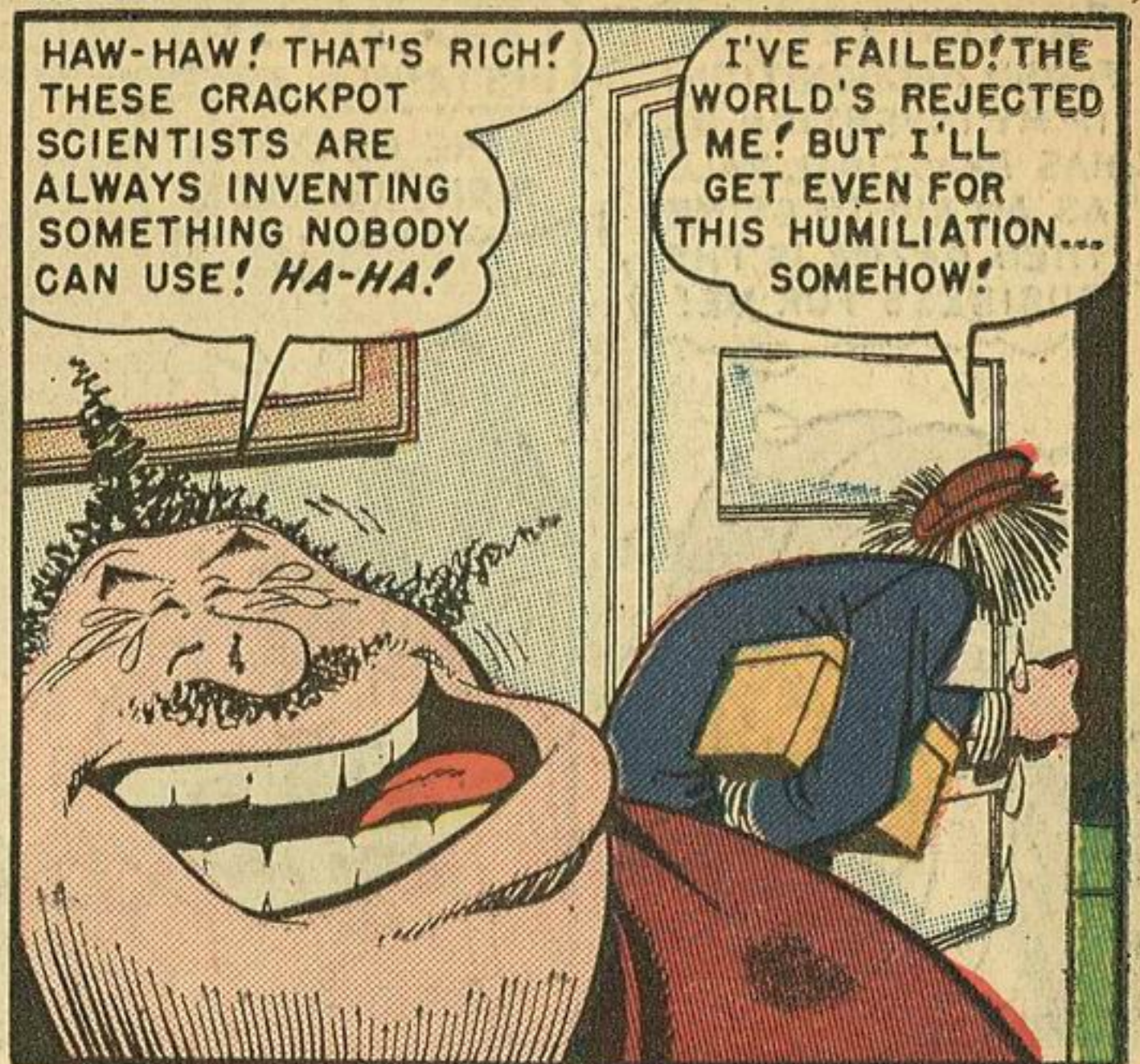
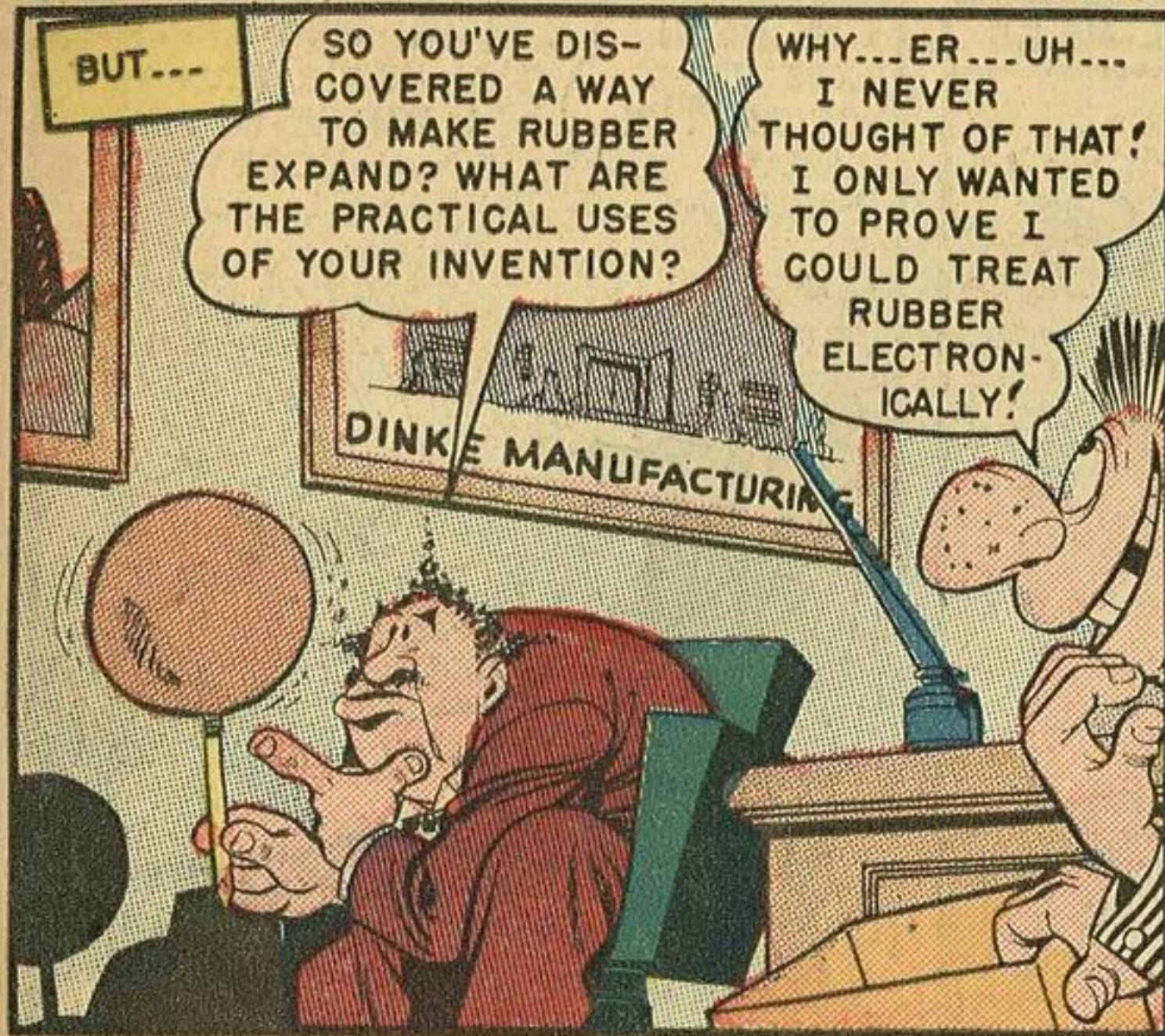


WHEN ALL THINGS MADE OF RUBBER START SWELLING UP OUT OF THEIR NATURAL SHAPE, WHAT WILL BECOME OF *PLASTIC MAN*? JEZRO EBEN THOUGHT HE KNEW THE ANSWER! BUT *PLASTIC MAN* THOUGHT HE WAS STRETCHING MATTERS JUST A BIT TOO FAR!

HERE IS THE CLIMAX OF A LIFETIME OF ENDEAVOR...



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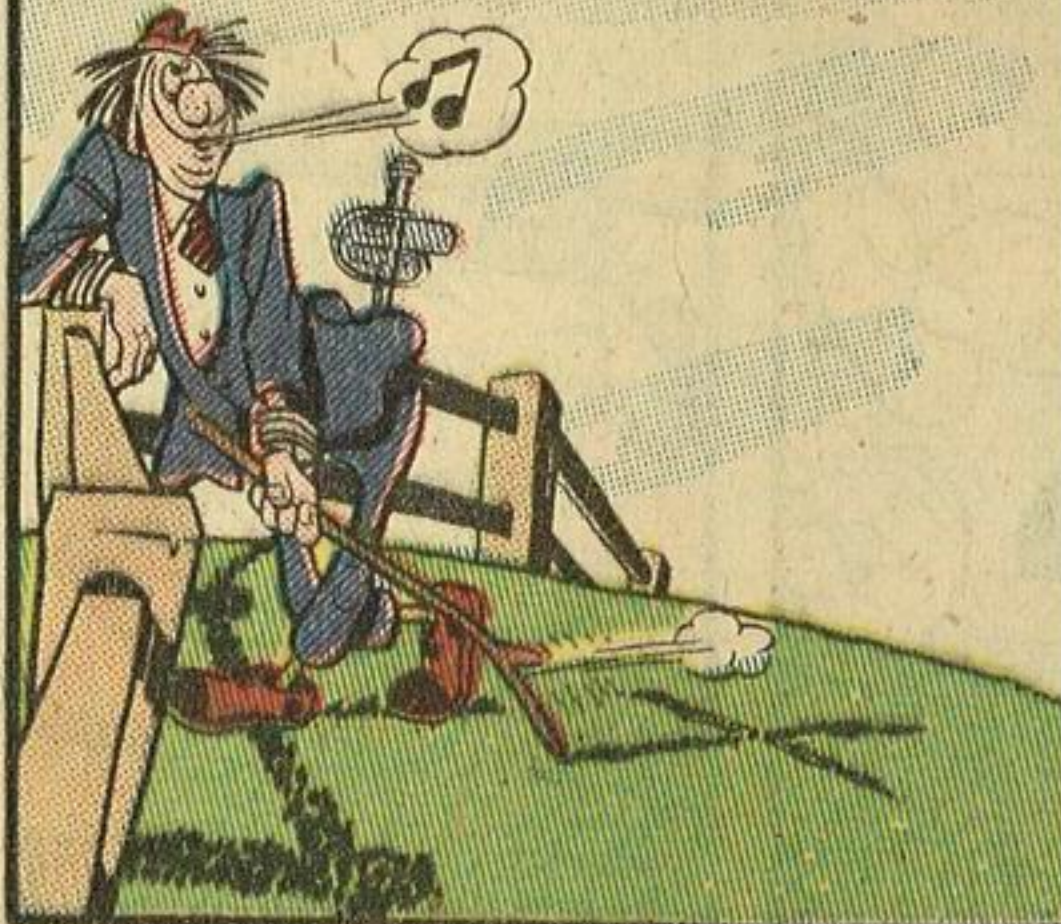
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AT LAST I'VE FOUND RECOGNITION! IF MY INVENTION ONLY HAS PRACTICAL VALUE AS AN AID TO CRIME, THEN *CRIME* IS THE BUSINESS FOR ME!



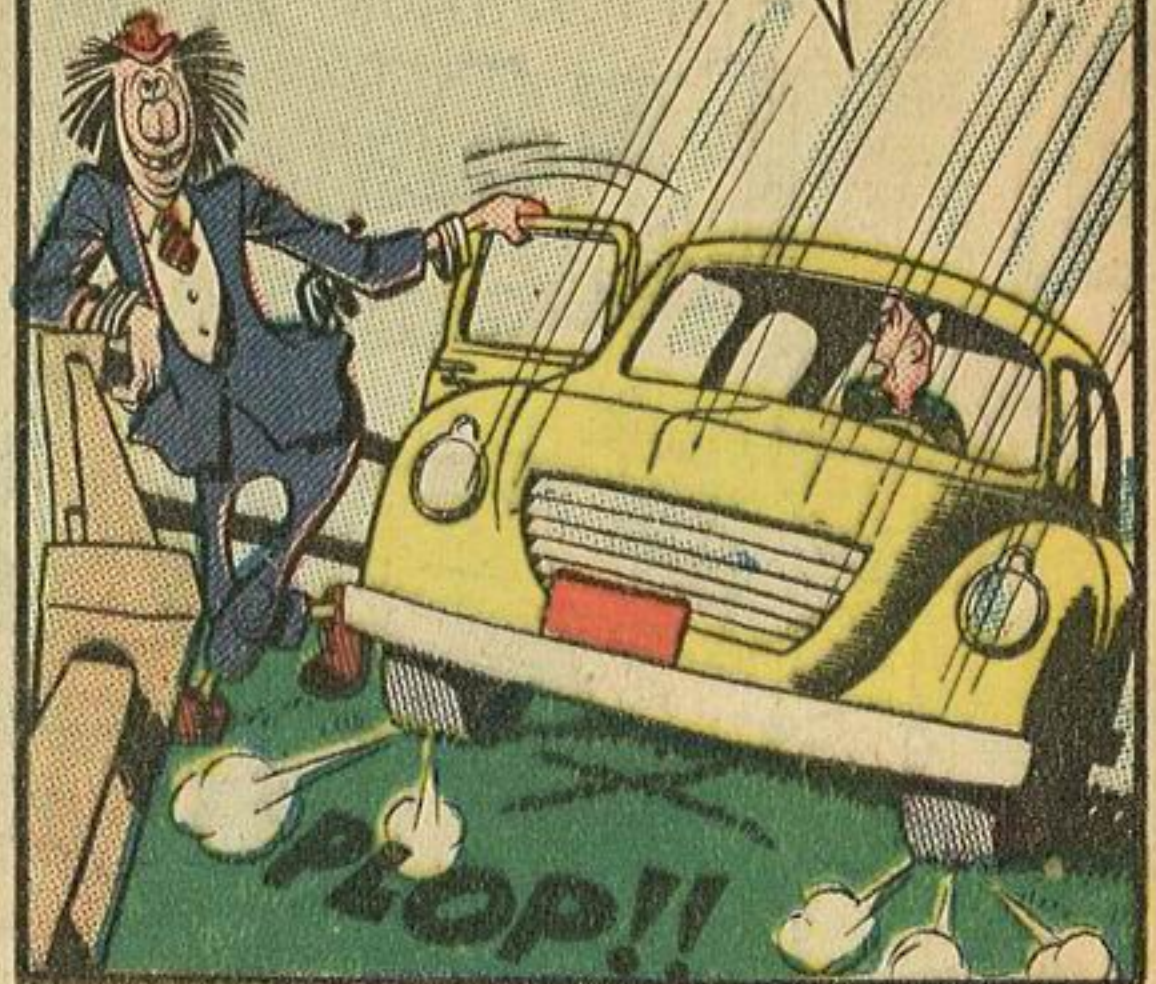
LATER, AT A SPOT SEVERAL MILES DISTANT...

HERE HE COMES! RIGHT ON TIME!



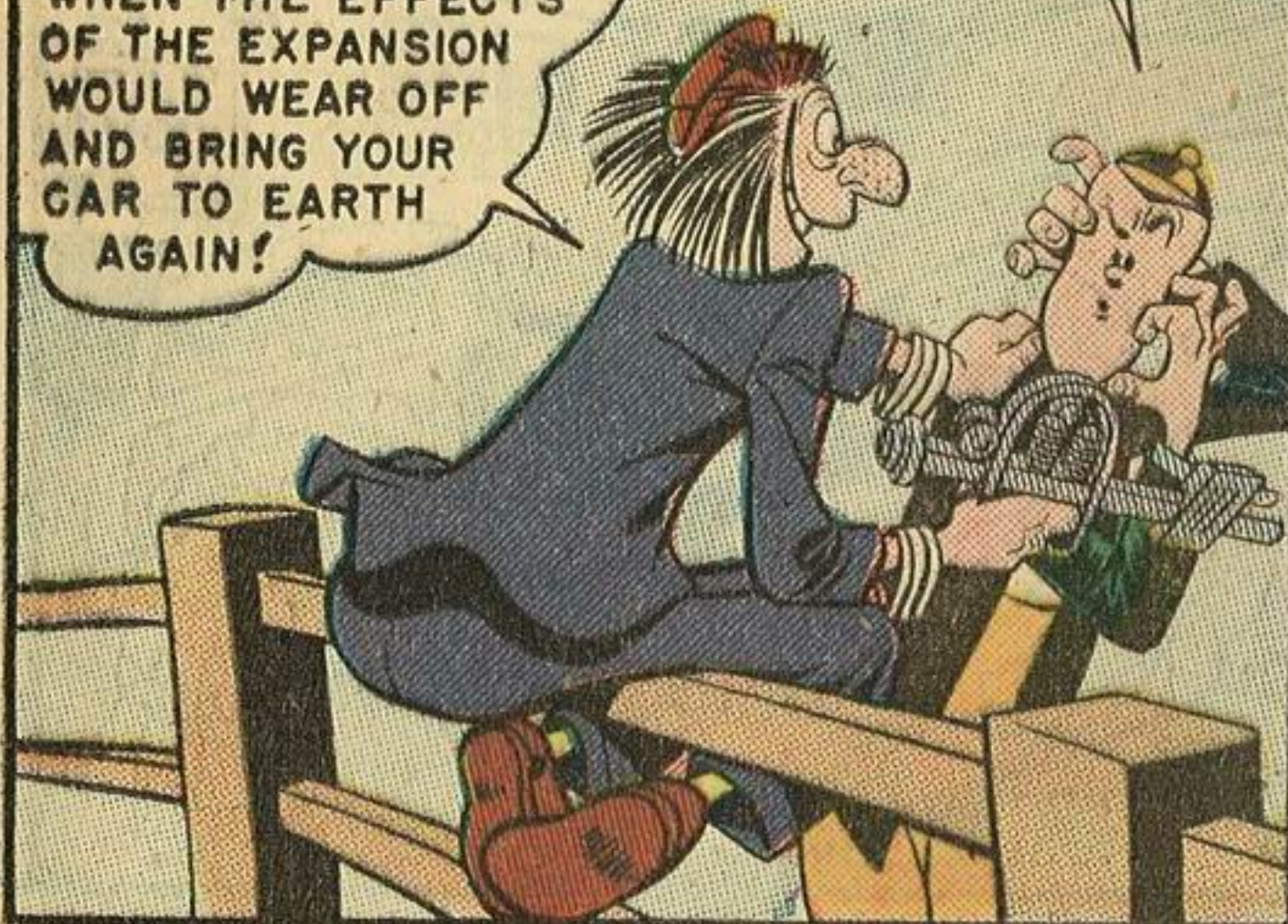
I'VE BEEN EXPECTING YOU, BOTTLE-HEAD!

WH-WHO ARE YOU? HOW'D YOU KNOW WHERE TO FIND ME?



SIMPLE! I ONLY GAVE YOUR RUBBER TIRES A SHORT TREATMENT WITH MY ELECTRONIC GUN! I MERELY CALCULATED WHEN THE EFFECTS OF THE EXPANSION WOULD WEAR OFF AND BRING YOUR CAR TO EARTH AGAIN!

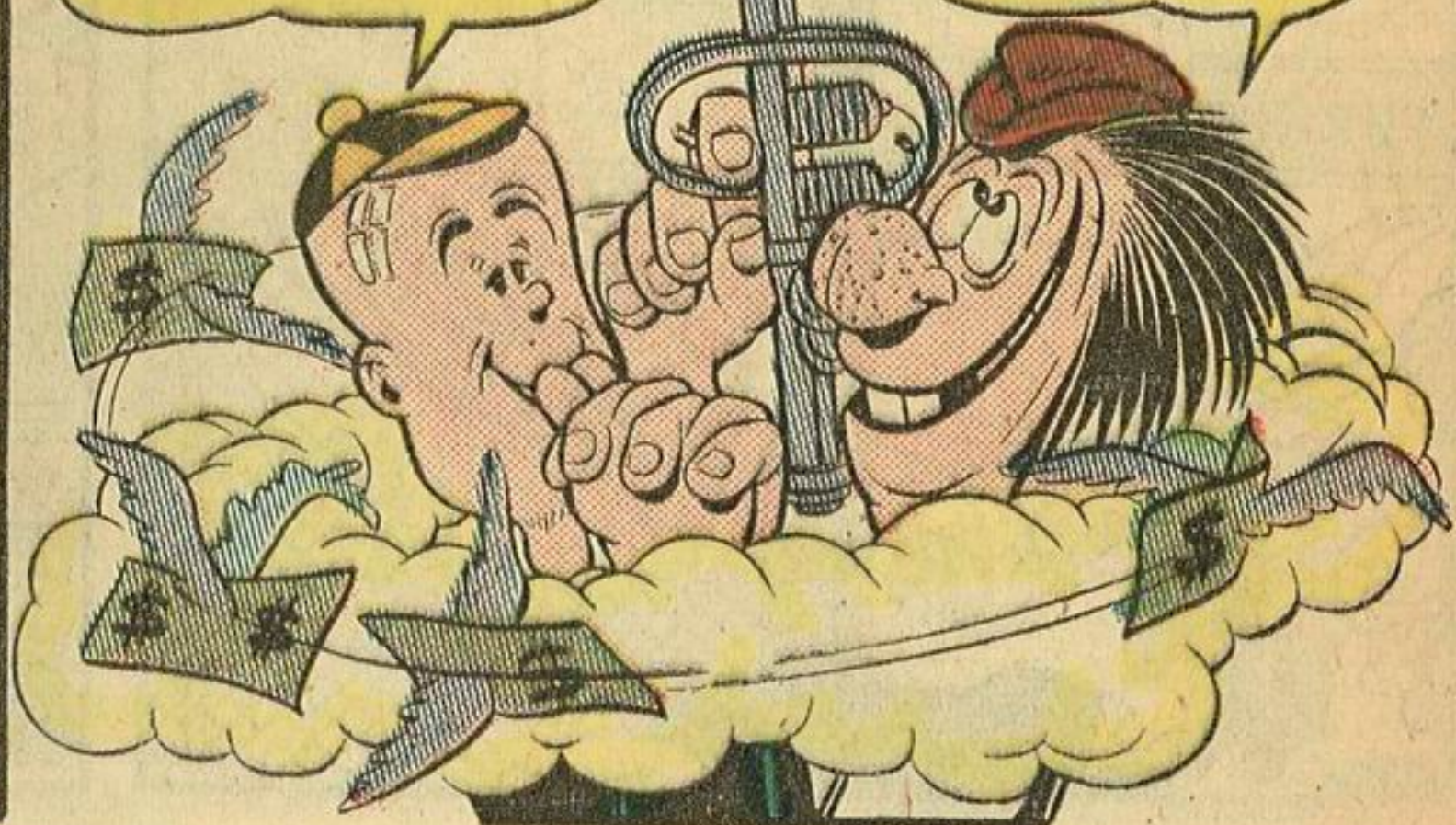
HMM! START FROM THE BEGINNING, AND GO SLOWER THIS TIME!



AND WHEN JEZRO EBEN EXPLAINS...

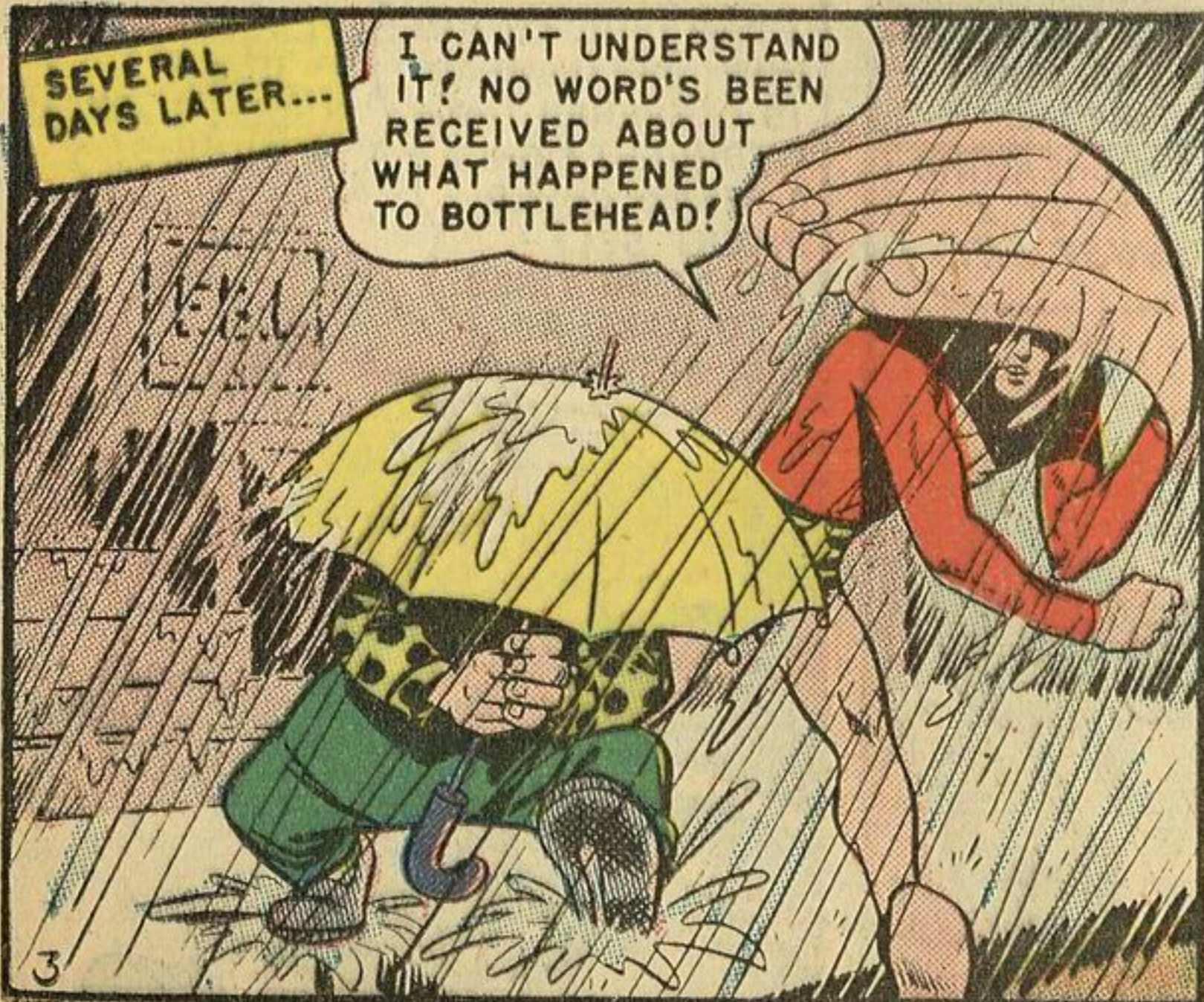
MISTER, IF THAT GADGET OF YOURS CAN ONLY DO *HALF* THE THINGS YOU SAY IT WILL, YOU AND ME ARE GONNA BE MILLIONAIRES!

PRECISELY WHAT I WAS DRIVING AT! WITH MY GENIUS AND YOUR...UH... EXPERIENCE, WE CAN'T FAIL!



SEVERAL DAYS LATER...

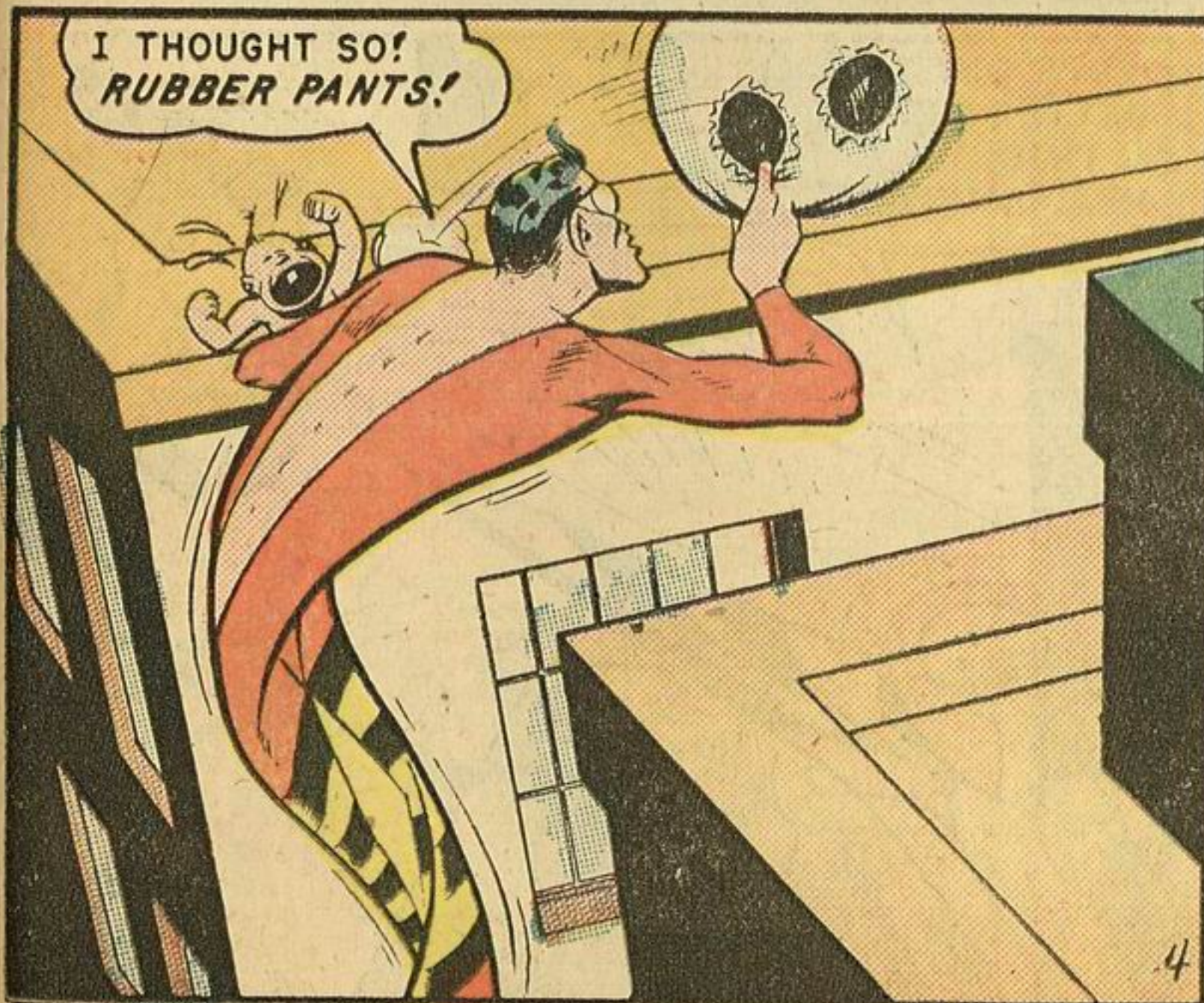
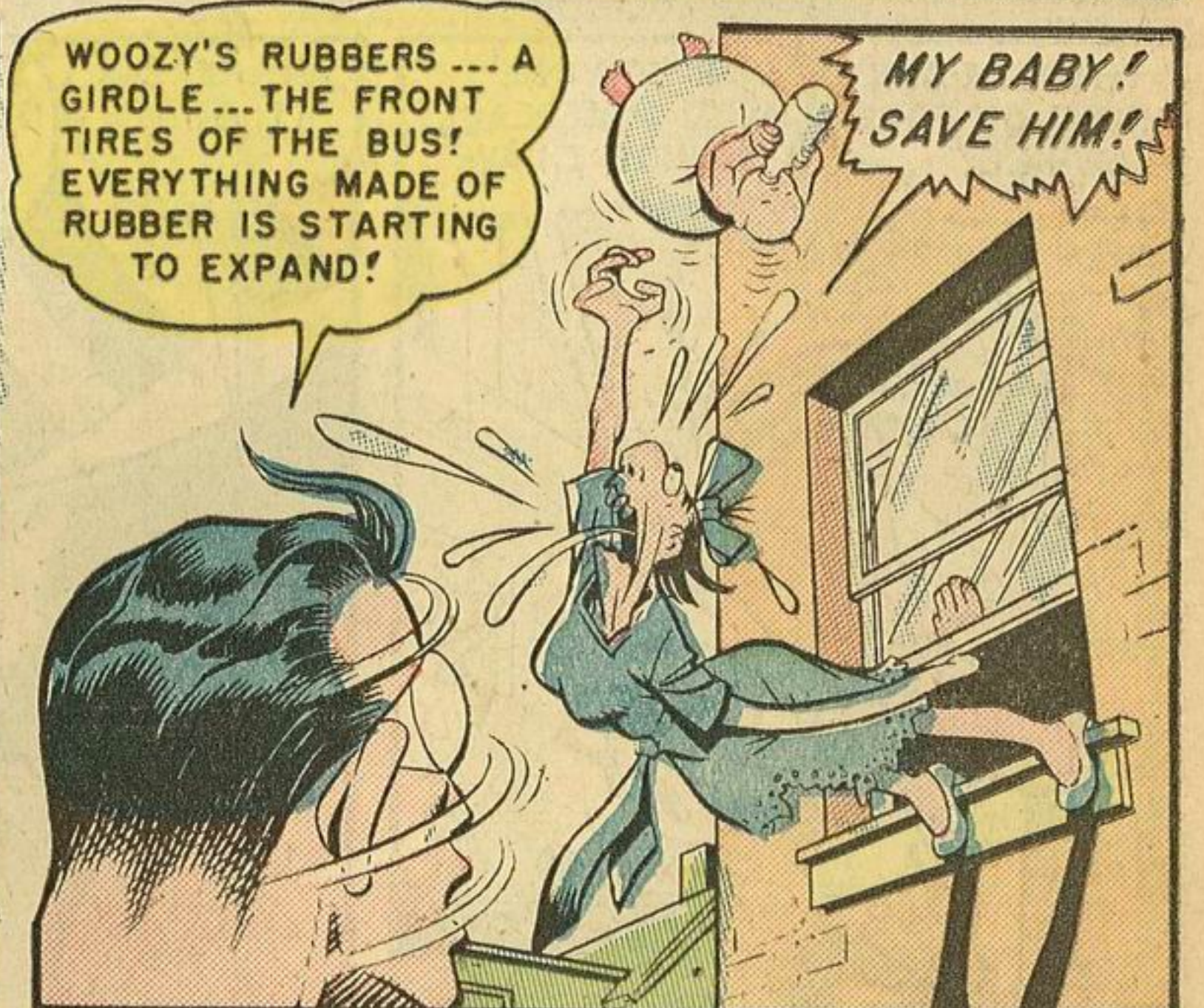
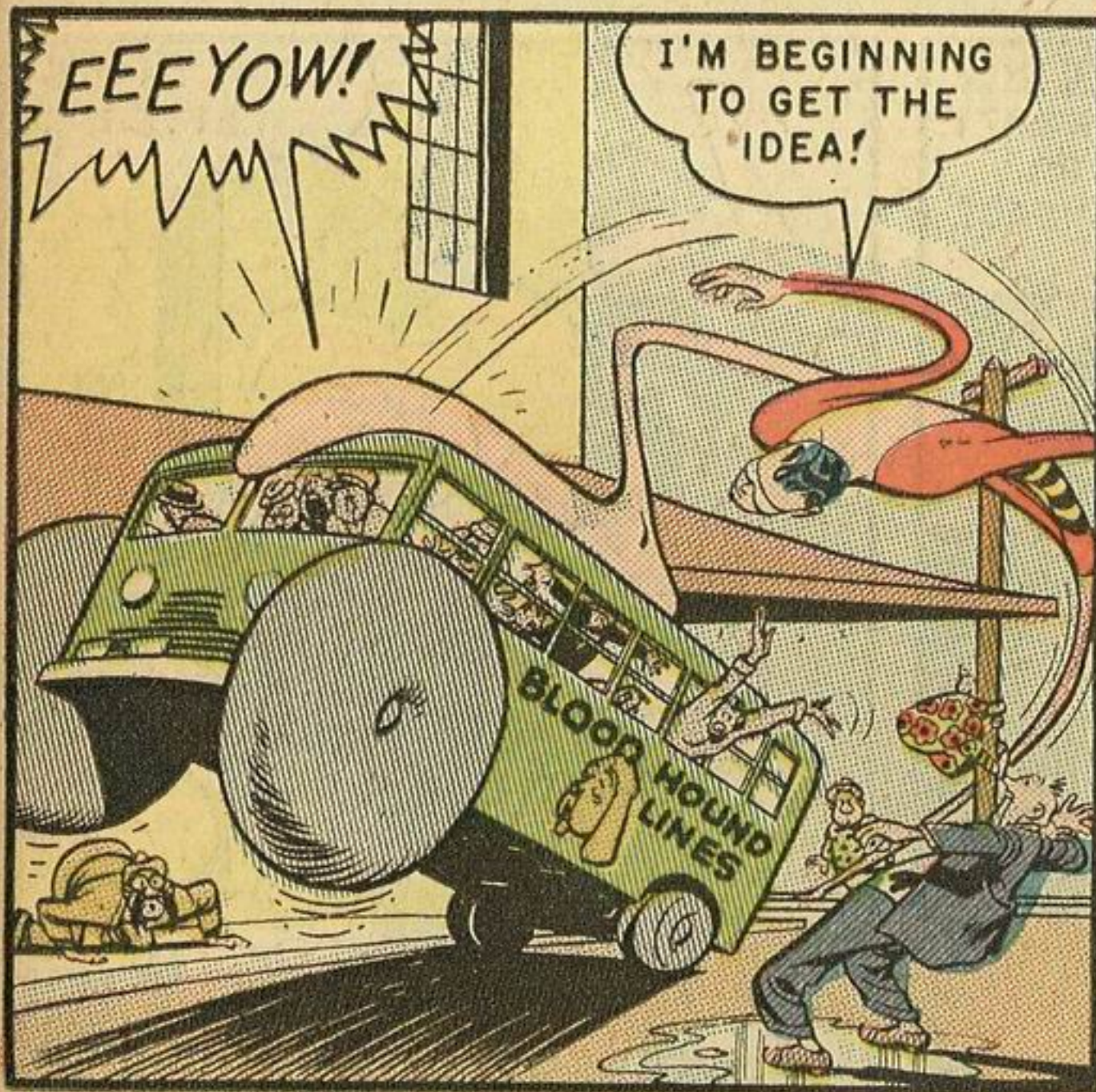
I CAN'T UNDERSTAND IT! NO WORD'S BEEN RECEIVED ABOUT WHAT HAPPENED TO BOTTLEHEAD!



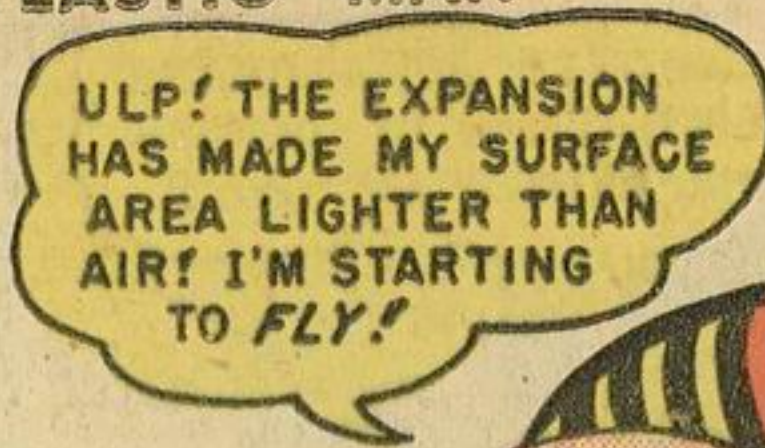
A MAN JUST CAN'T FLY OFF INTO THE AIR AND DISAPPEAR!



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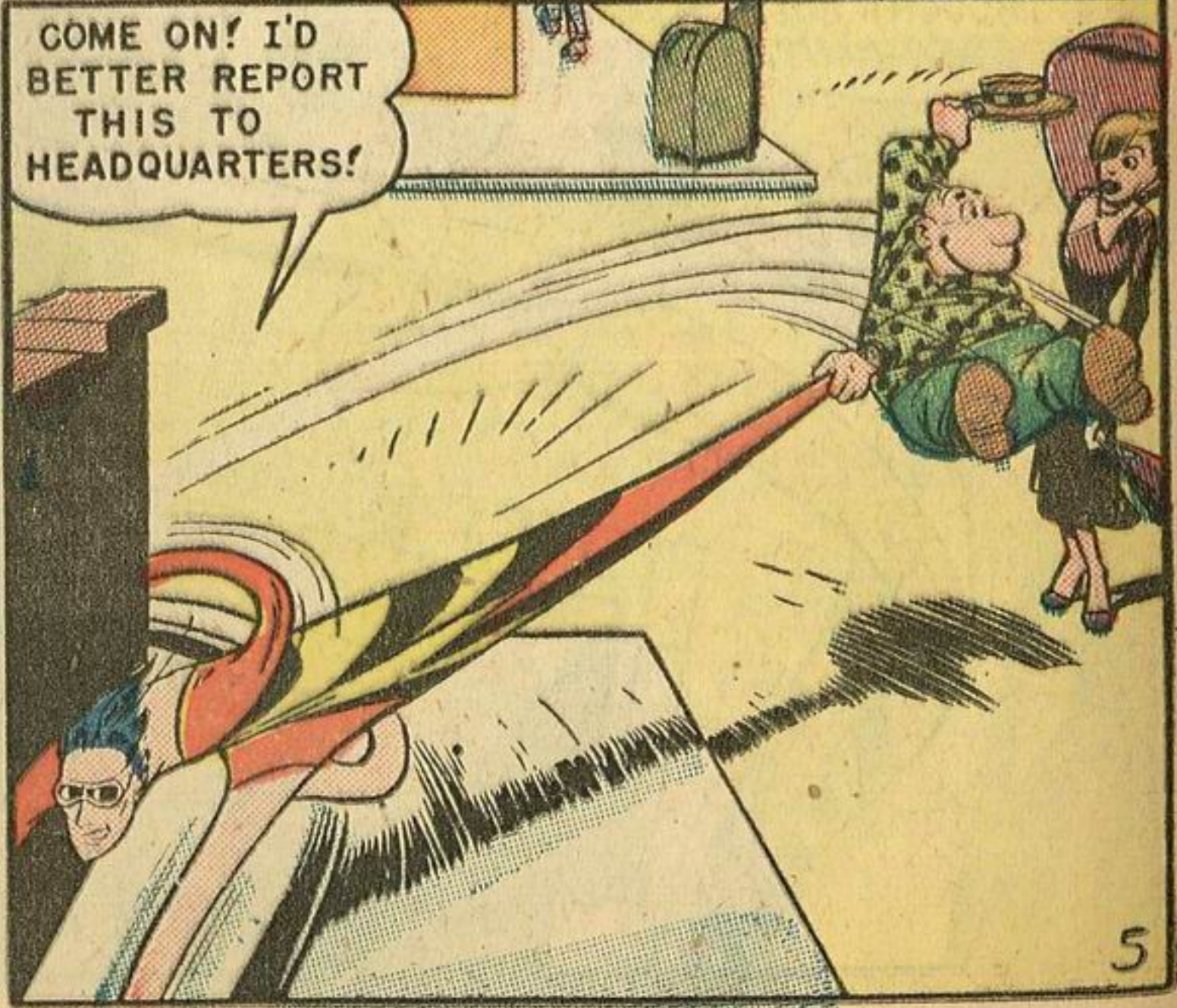
I'VE GOT ONE HERE SOMEPLACE! I KNOW I HAVE!



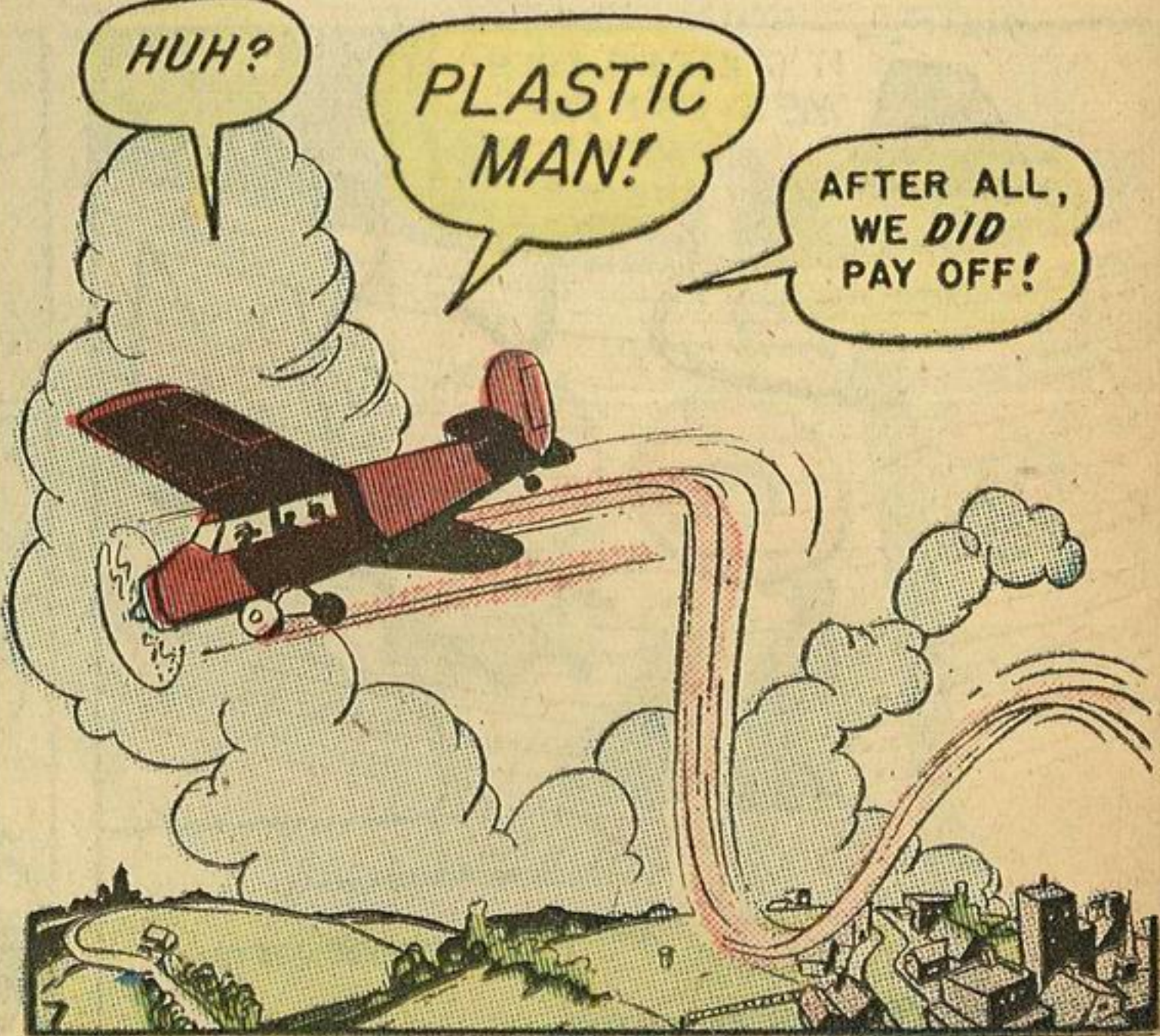
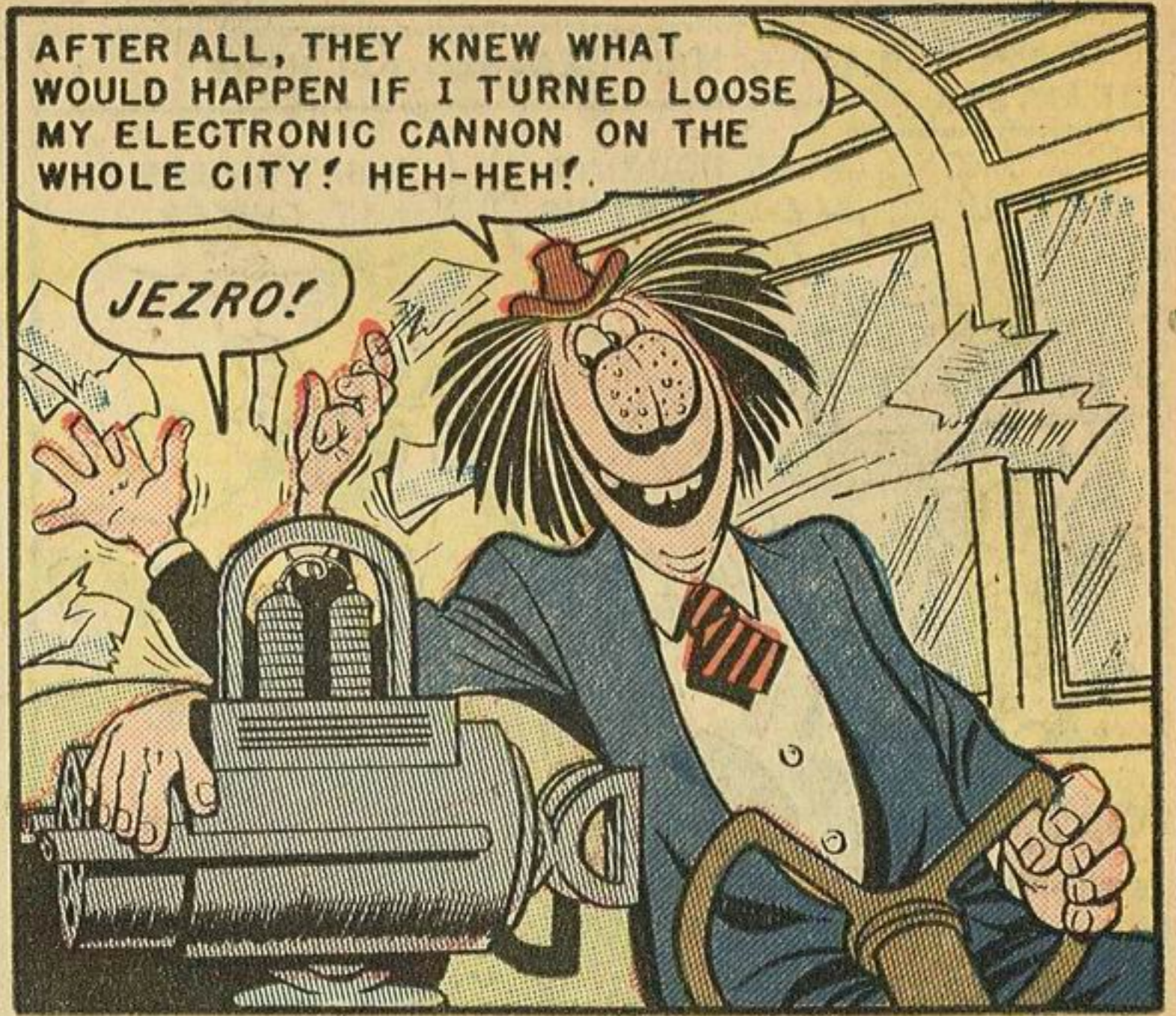
I'LL RISK IT, WOOLZY! GO AHEAD!



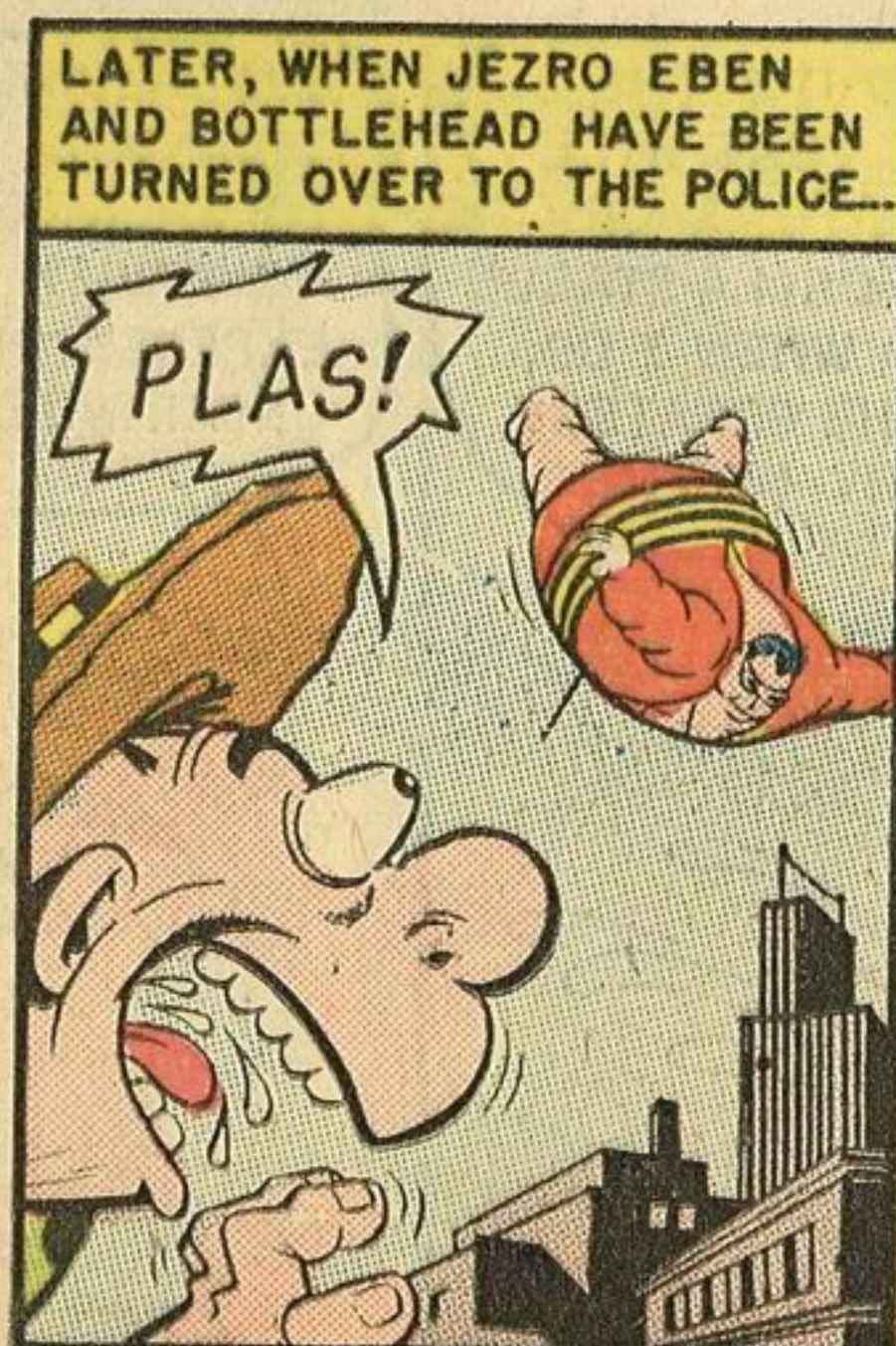
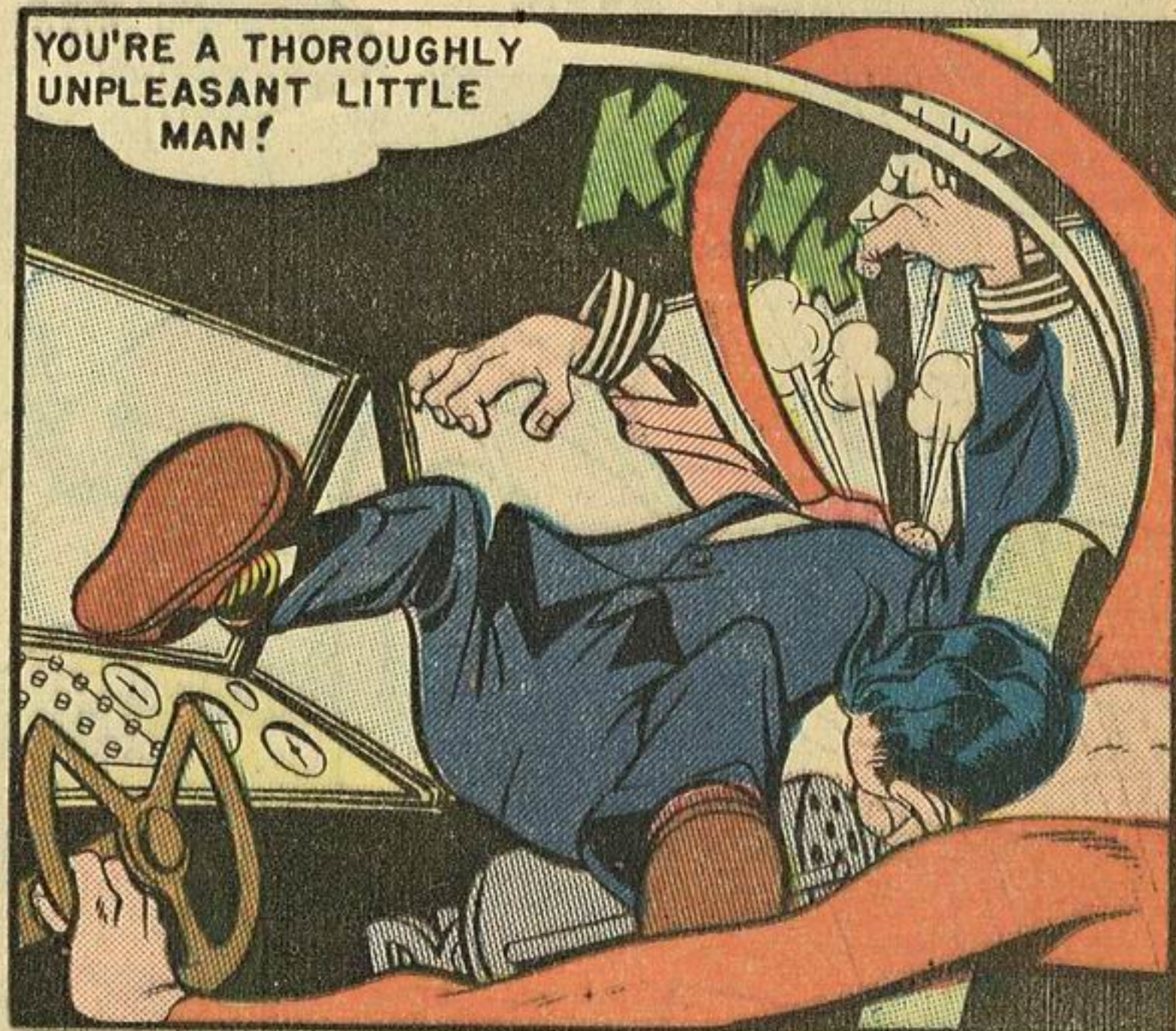
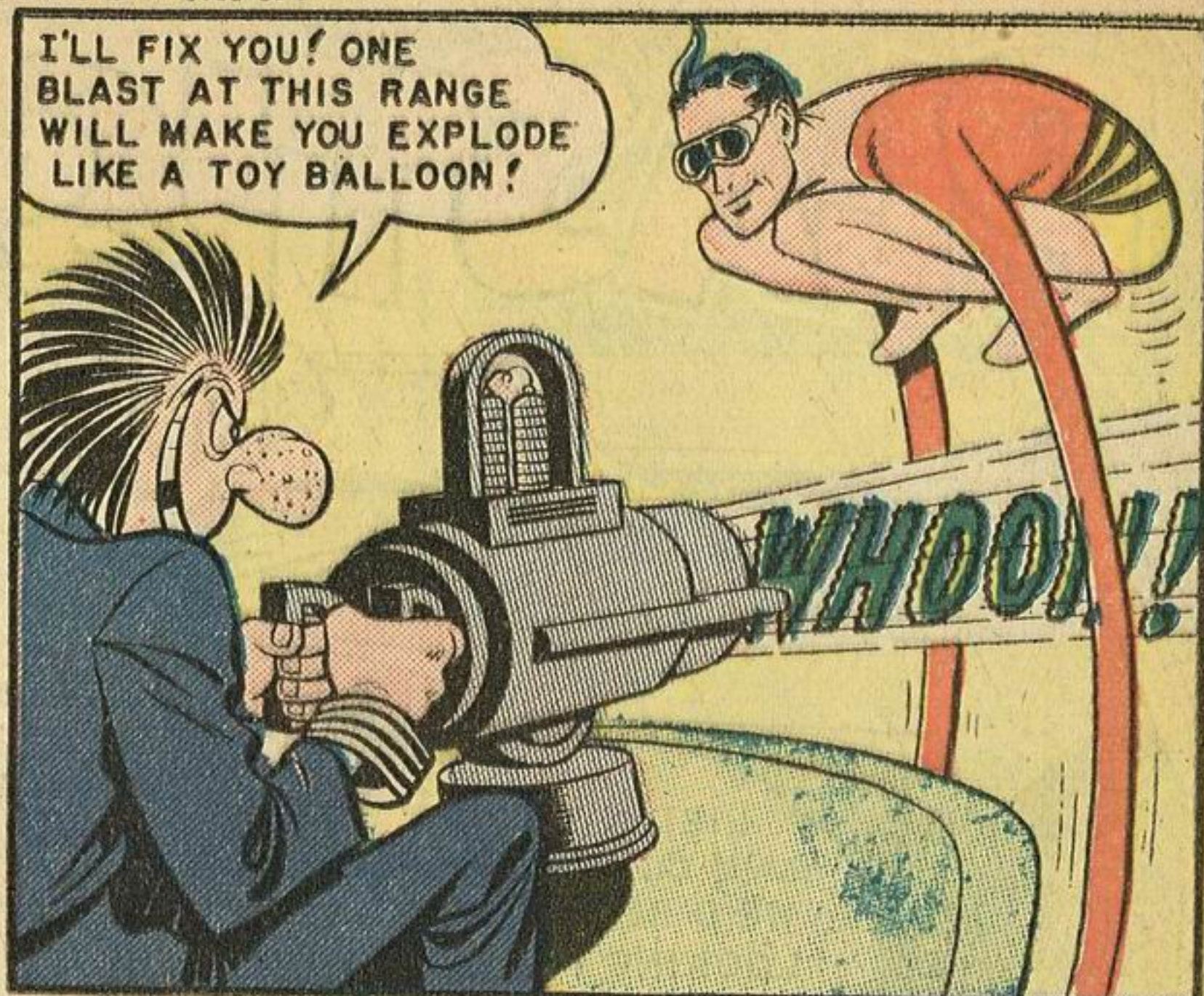
WHATEVER CAUSED THE TROUBLE ONLY HAD TEMPORARY EFFECTS! THANK GOODNESS FOR THAT!

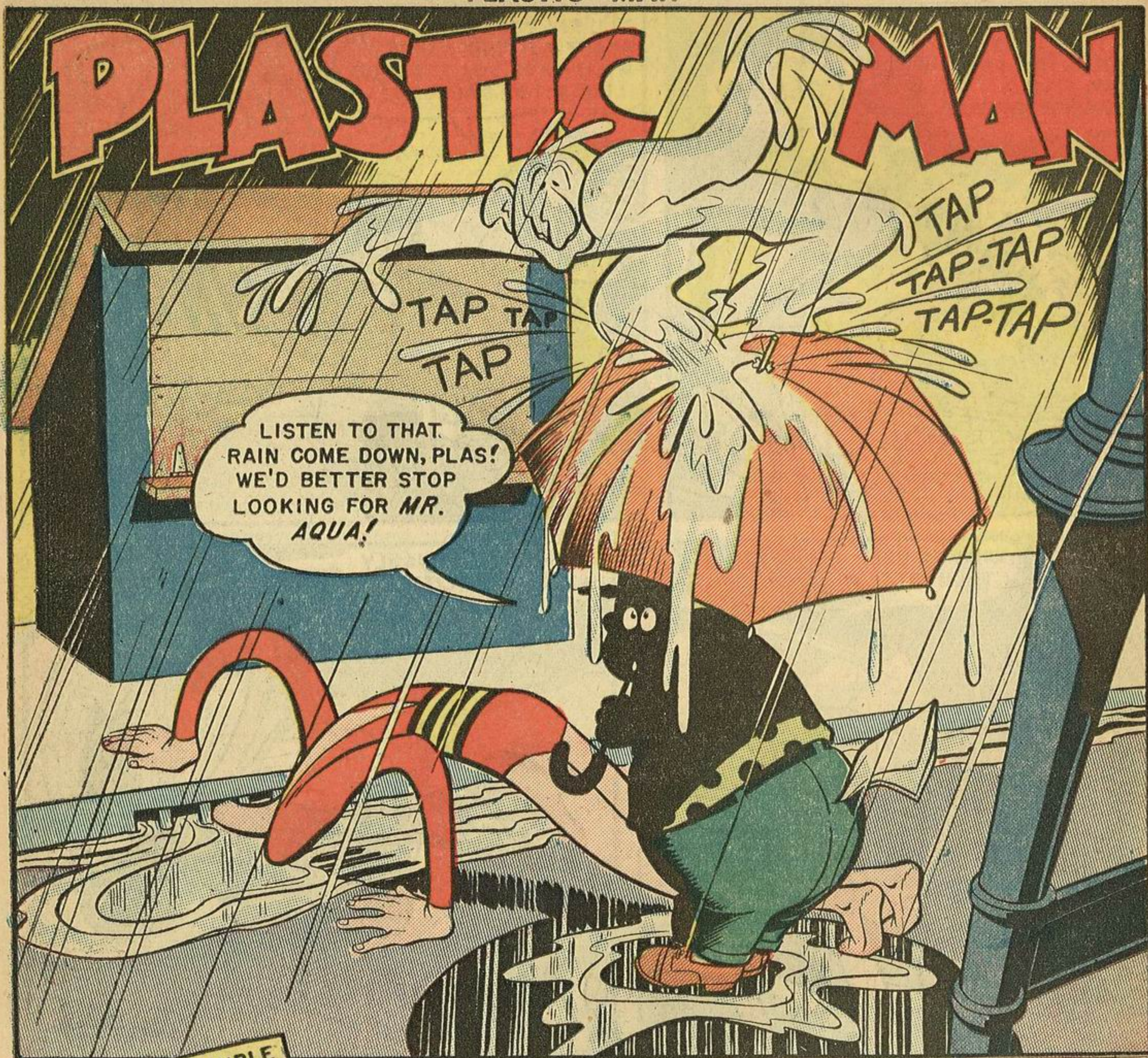


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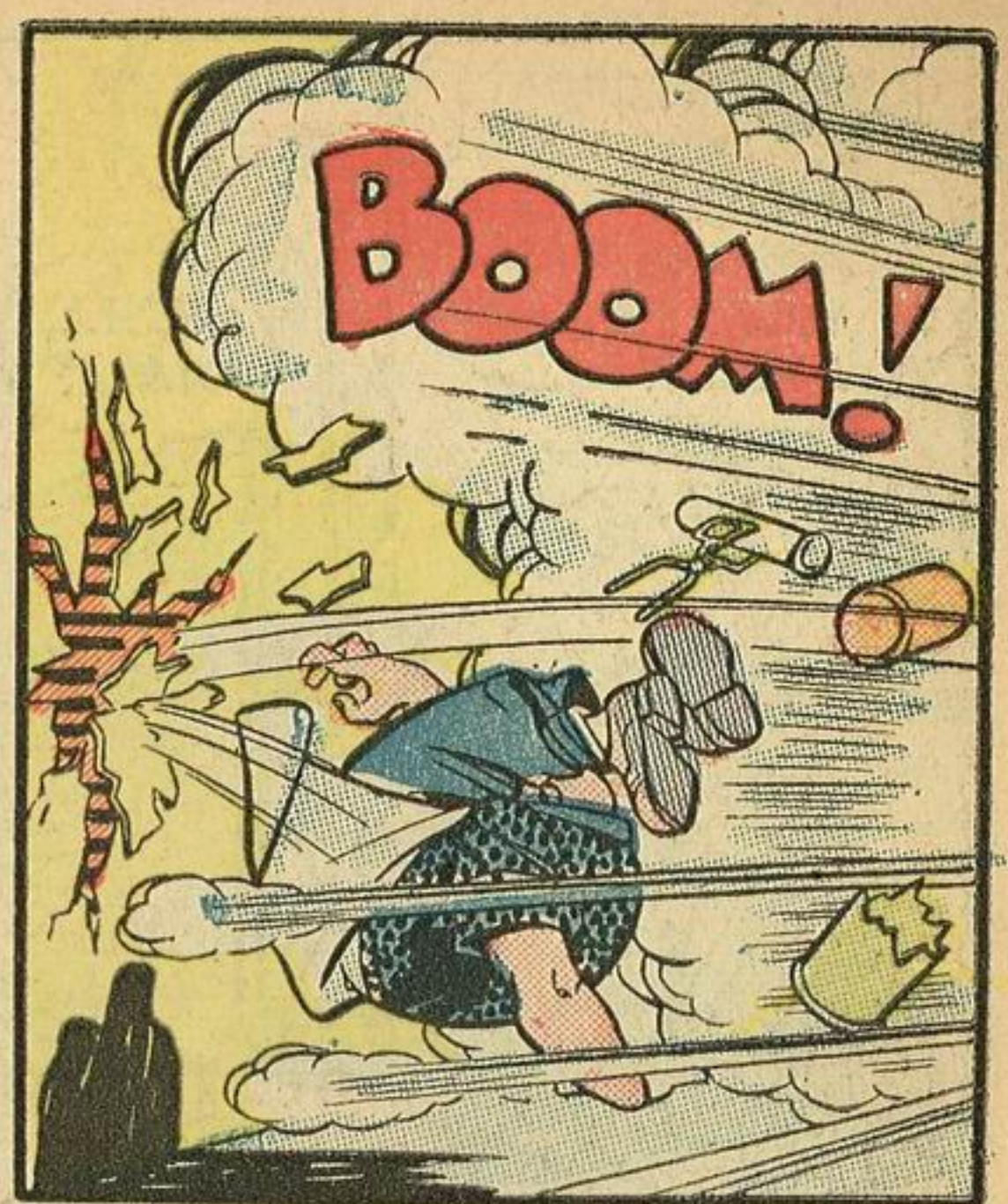
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PEOPLE WILL BE ABLE TO DRIVE ACROSS THE OCEANS IN THEIR AUTOMOBILES! THE NAME OF *DUNCAN GROAT* WILL BE FAMOUS!



SOMETHING'S WRONG! SOME OF THE CHEMICALS IN THOSE VIALS FELL INTO MY TEST FLUID! IT LOOKS AS THOUGH IT'S GOING TO...



BOOM!



AND WHEN THE SMOKE OF THE EXPLOSION CLEARS...

WH--WHO ARE YOU?

HOW SHOULD I KNOW? *YOU* MADE *ME*!



A WATER CREATURE! IT'S FANTASTIC! SOMEHOW THOSE CHEMICALS UNITED WITH WATER TO FORM CORPUSCULAR LIFE!

SKIP THE BIG WORDS! THE QUESTION IS, WHAT AM I SUPPOSED TO DO, NOW?



DO? THERE'S A MEETING OF THE SCIENCE COUNCIL GOING ON RIGHT NOW! YOU AND I ARE GOING TO GIVE THEM THE SHOCK OF THEIR LIVES!

STOP SPLASHING ME ALL UP! I'M NOT MADE OUT OF FLESH AND BLOOD, YOU KNOW!



AT THE SCIENCE COUNCIL...

HA-HA!

THEY--THEY'RE LAUGHING AT ME!

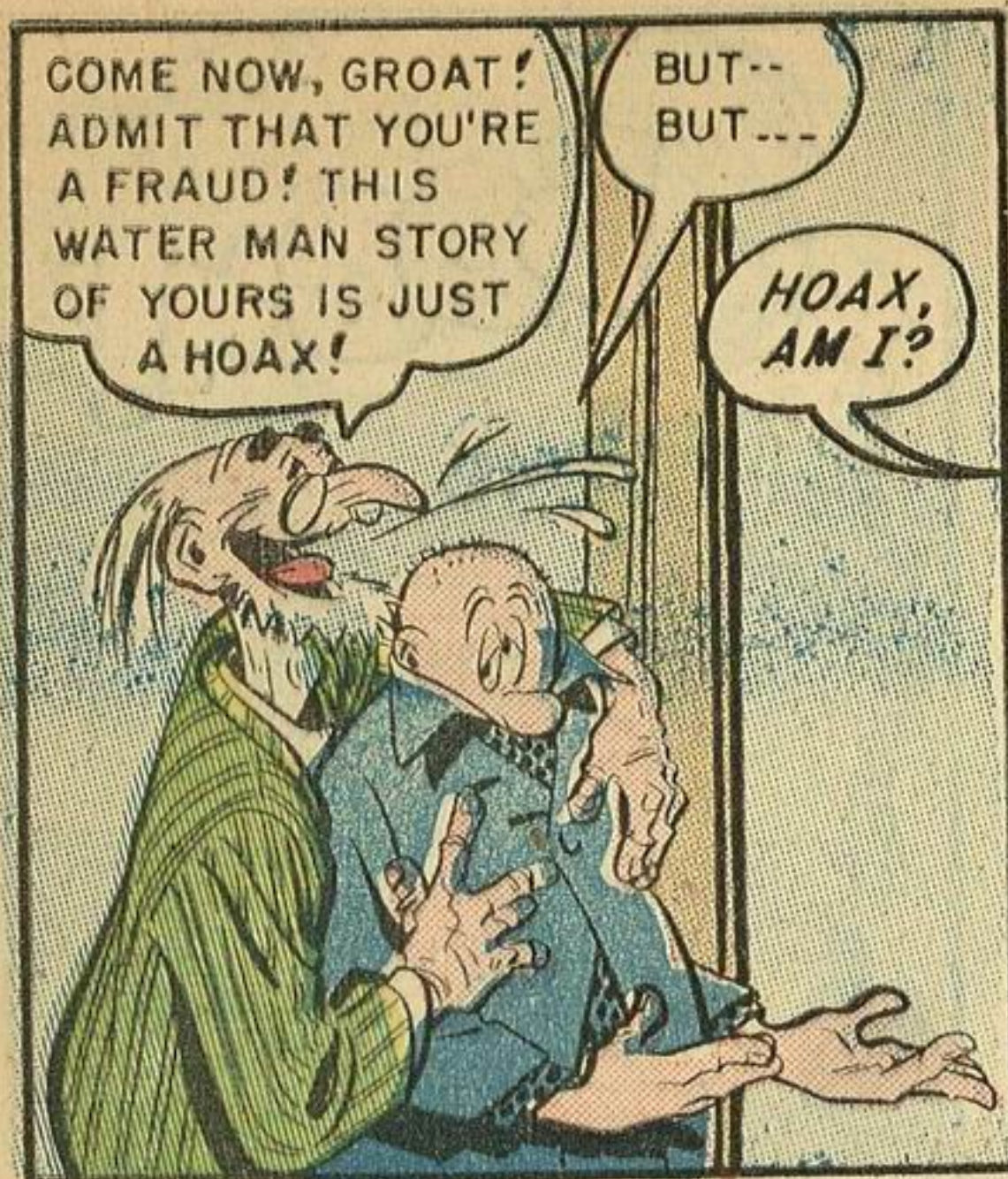
FUNNIEST THING I EVER HEARD!

MR. AQUA A WATER MAN!

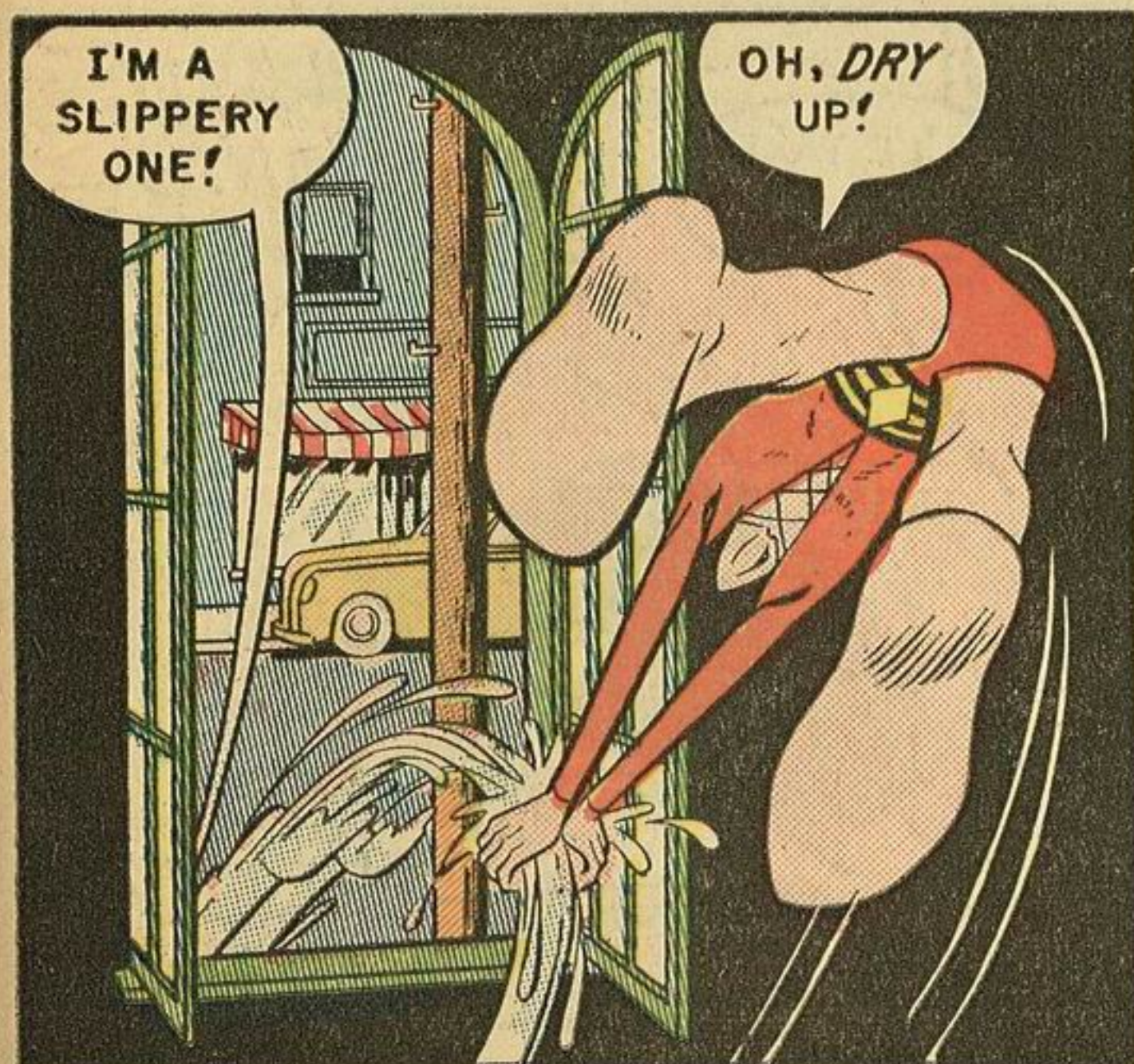
HAW!

HO HO HO

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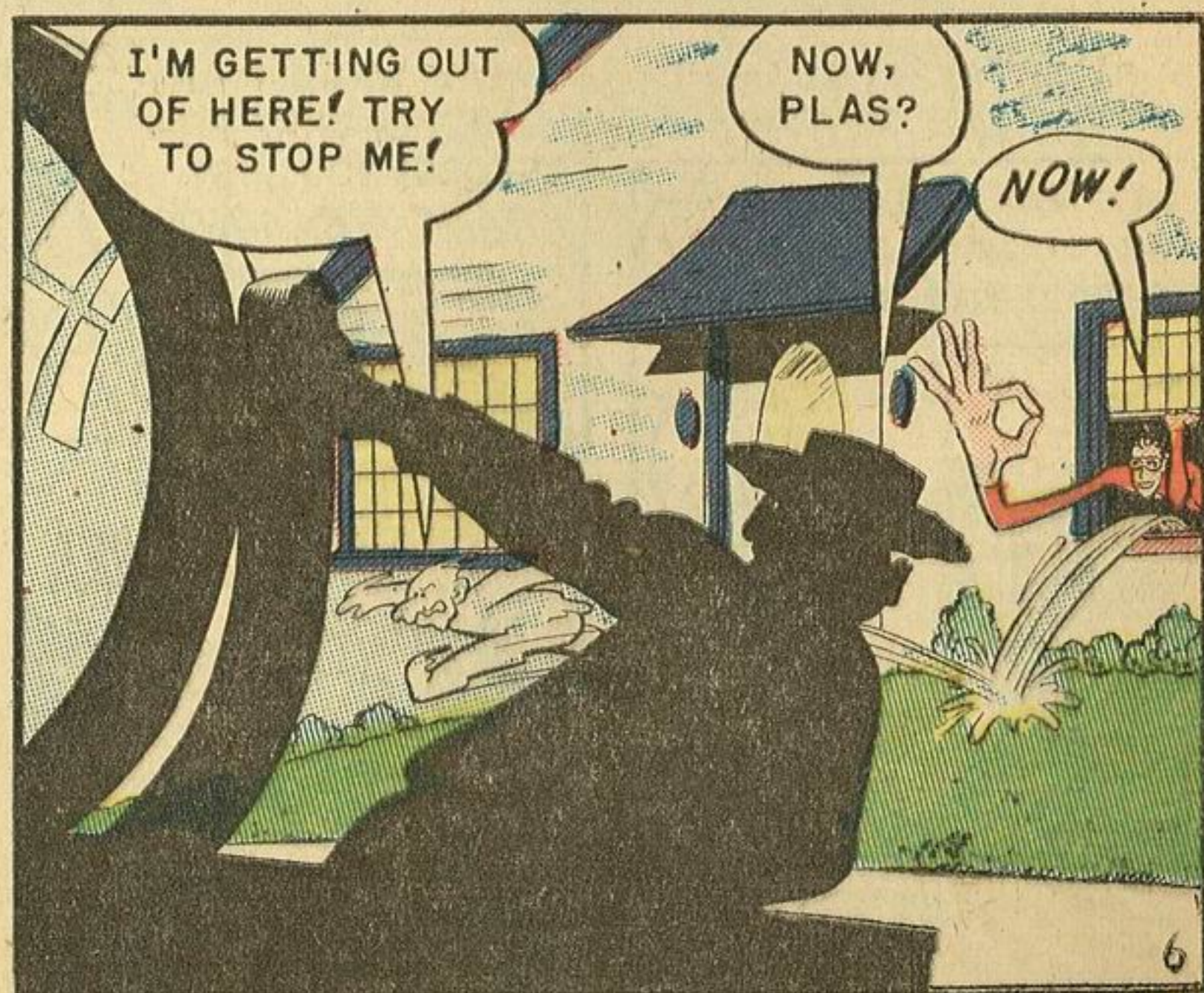
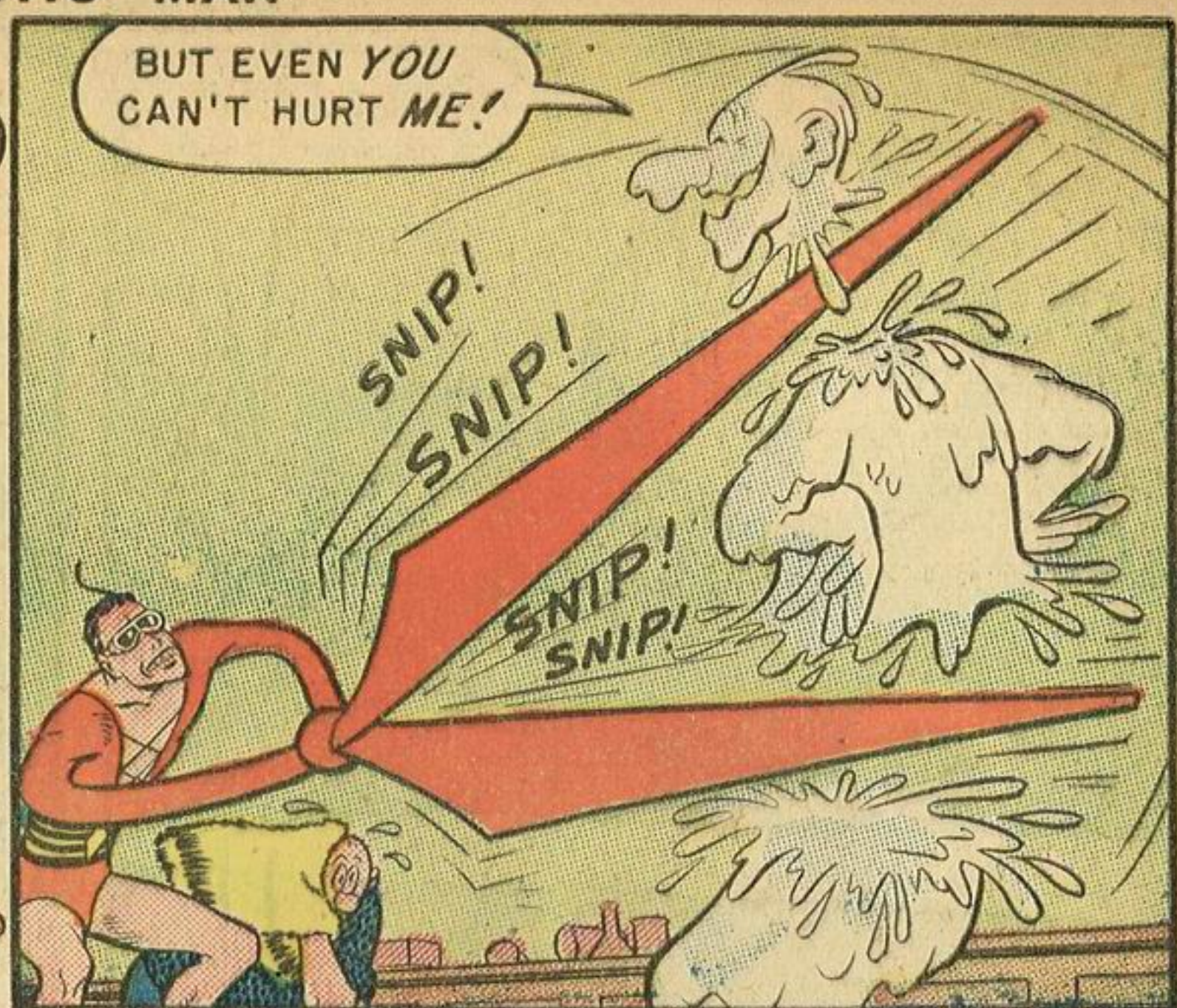
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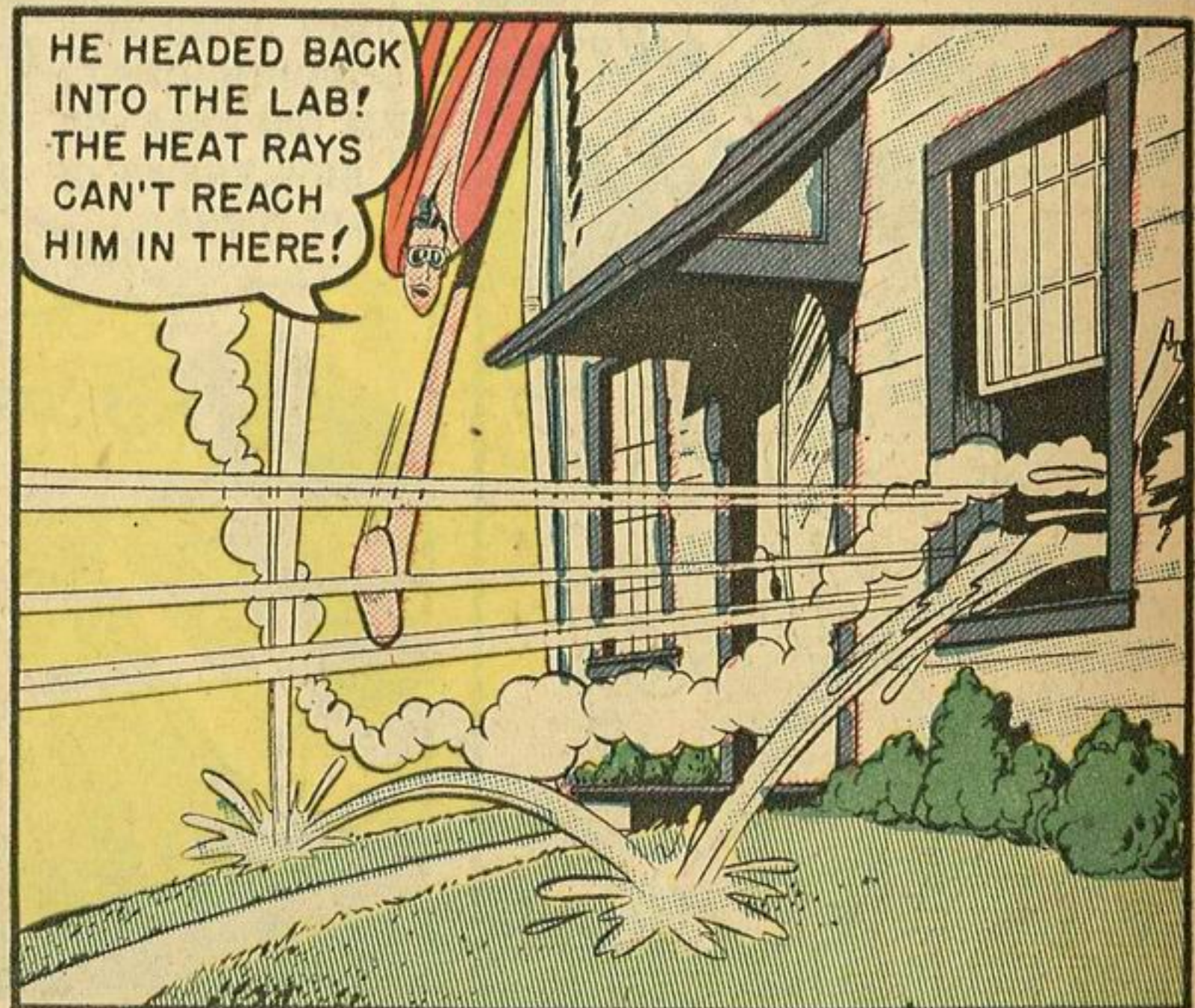
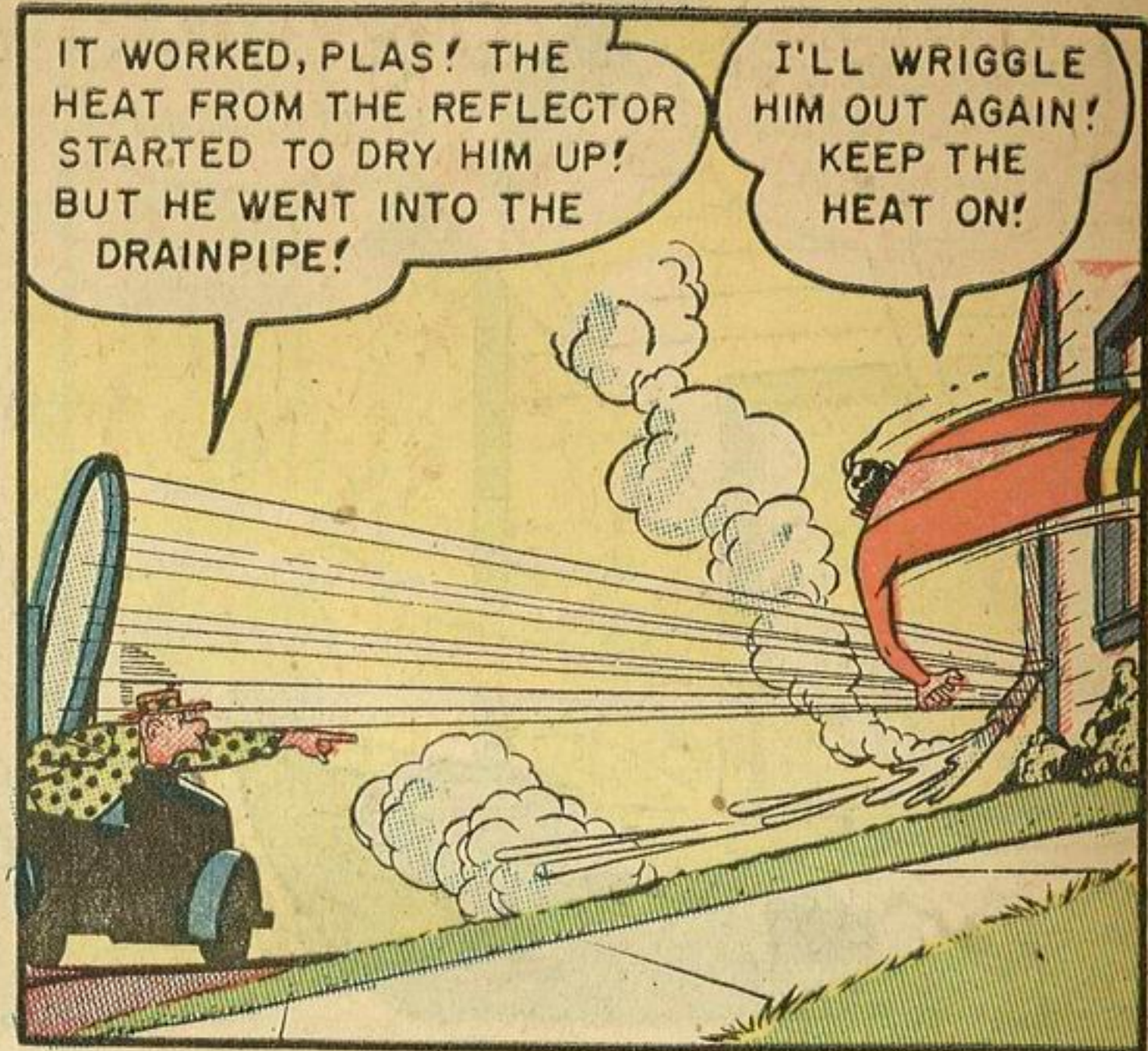
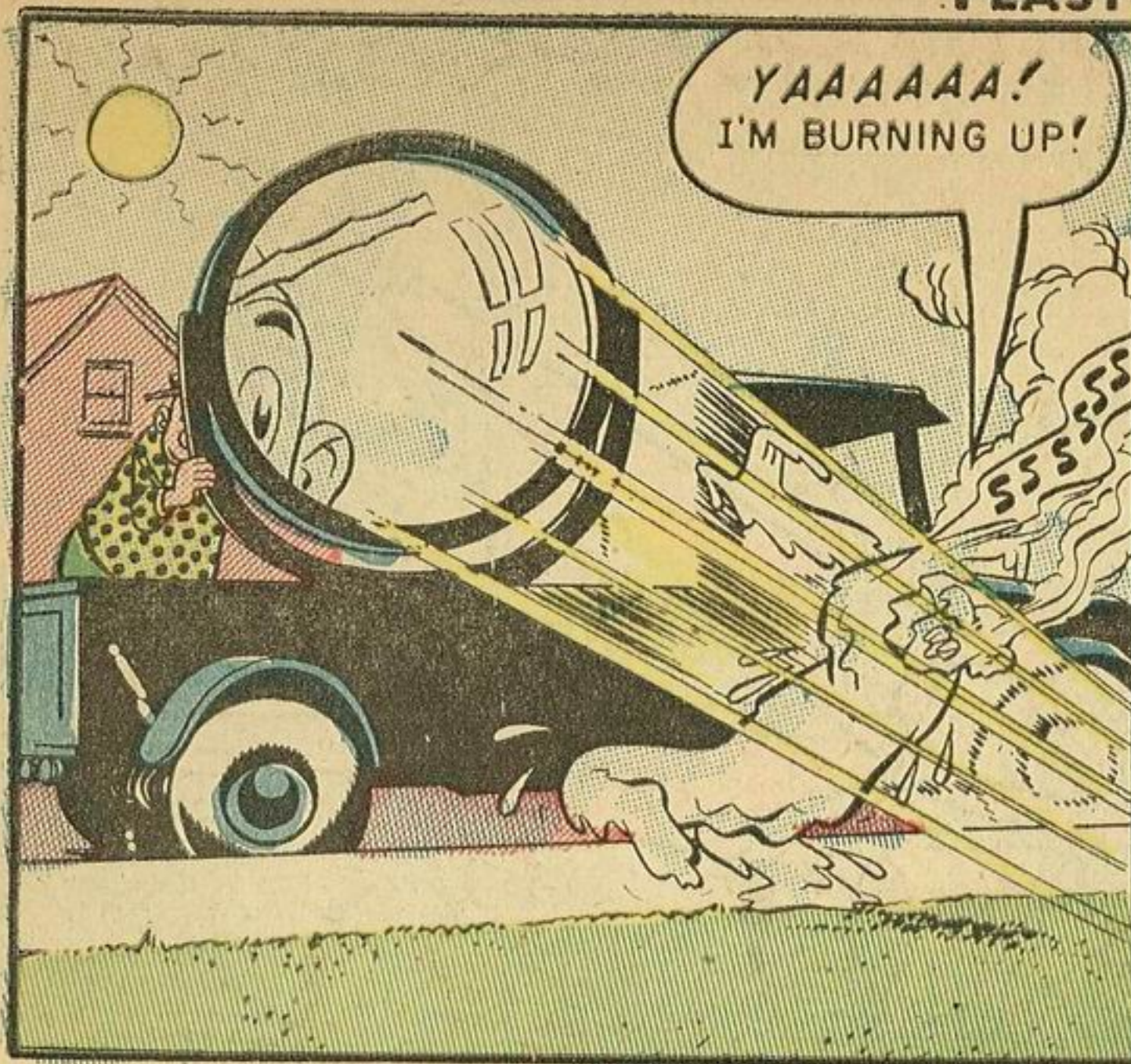
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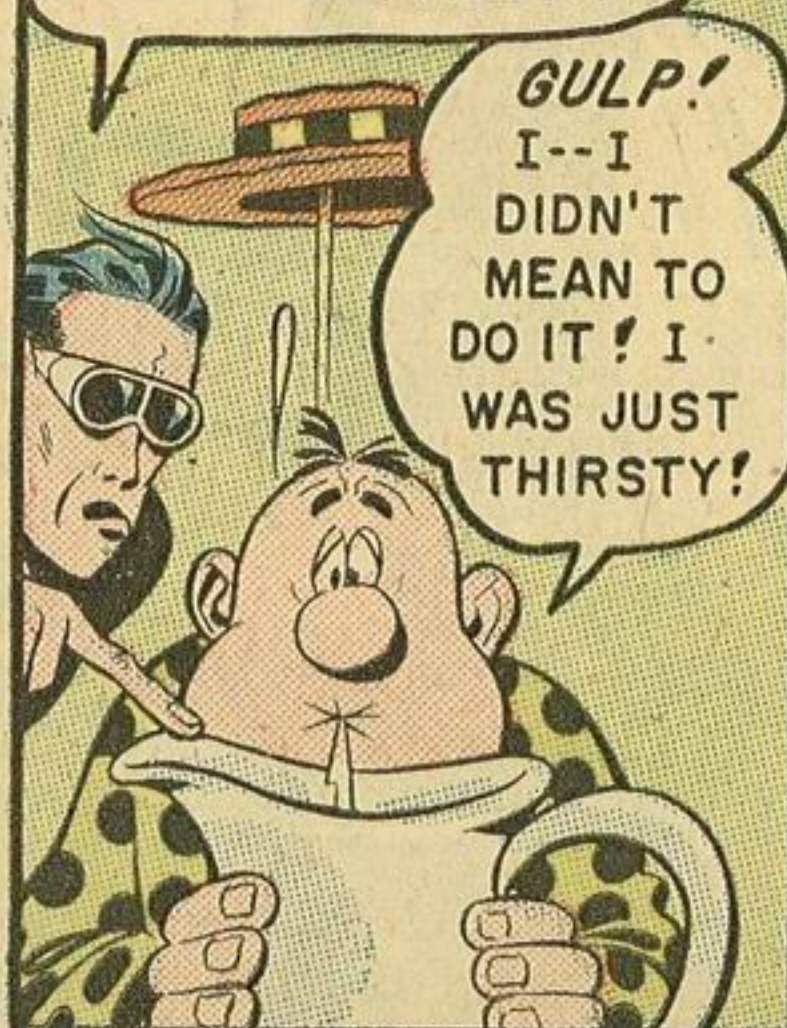
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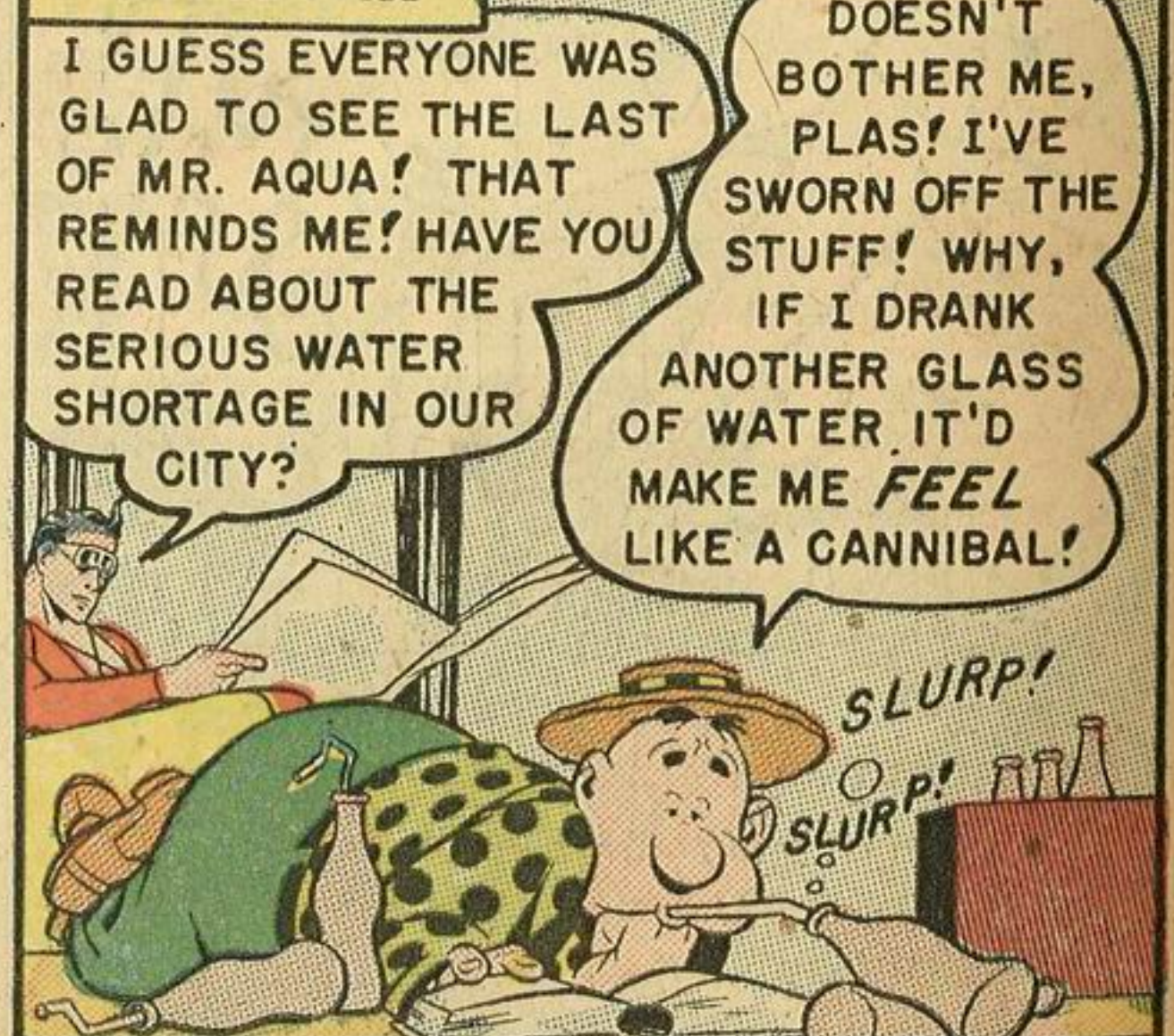
A PAINSTAKING SEARCH
OF THE LAB REVEALS...



THERE WASN'T ANY
WATER IN THAT PITCHER
BEFORE! YOU JUST
DRANK MR. AQUA!



SOME TIME LATER IN PLASTIC MAN'S
APARTMENT...

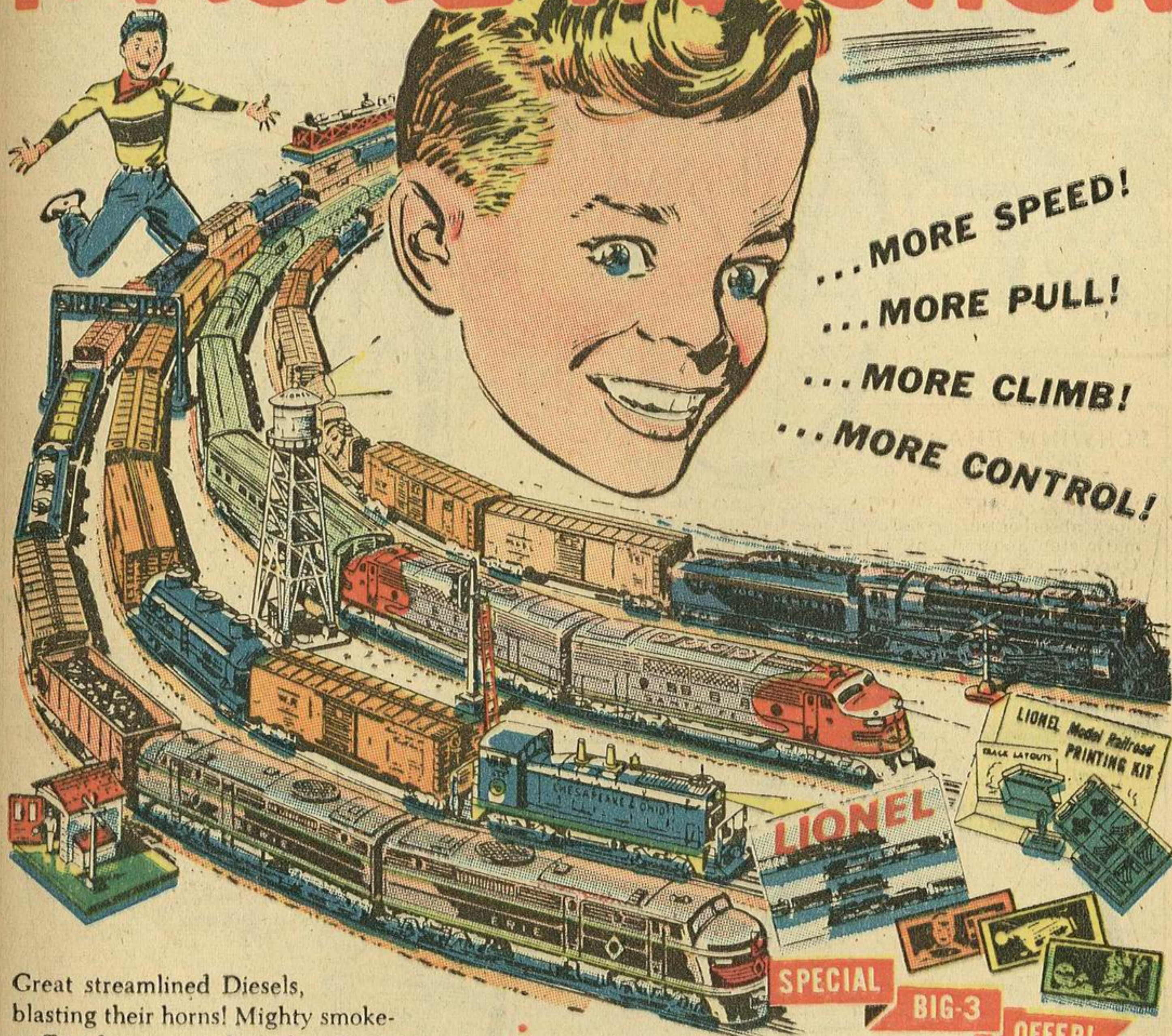


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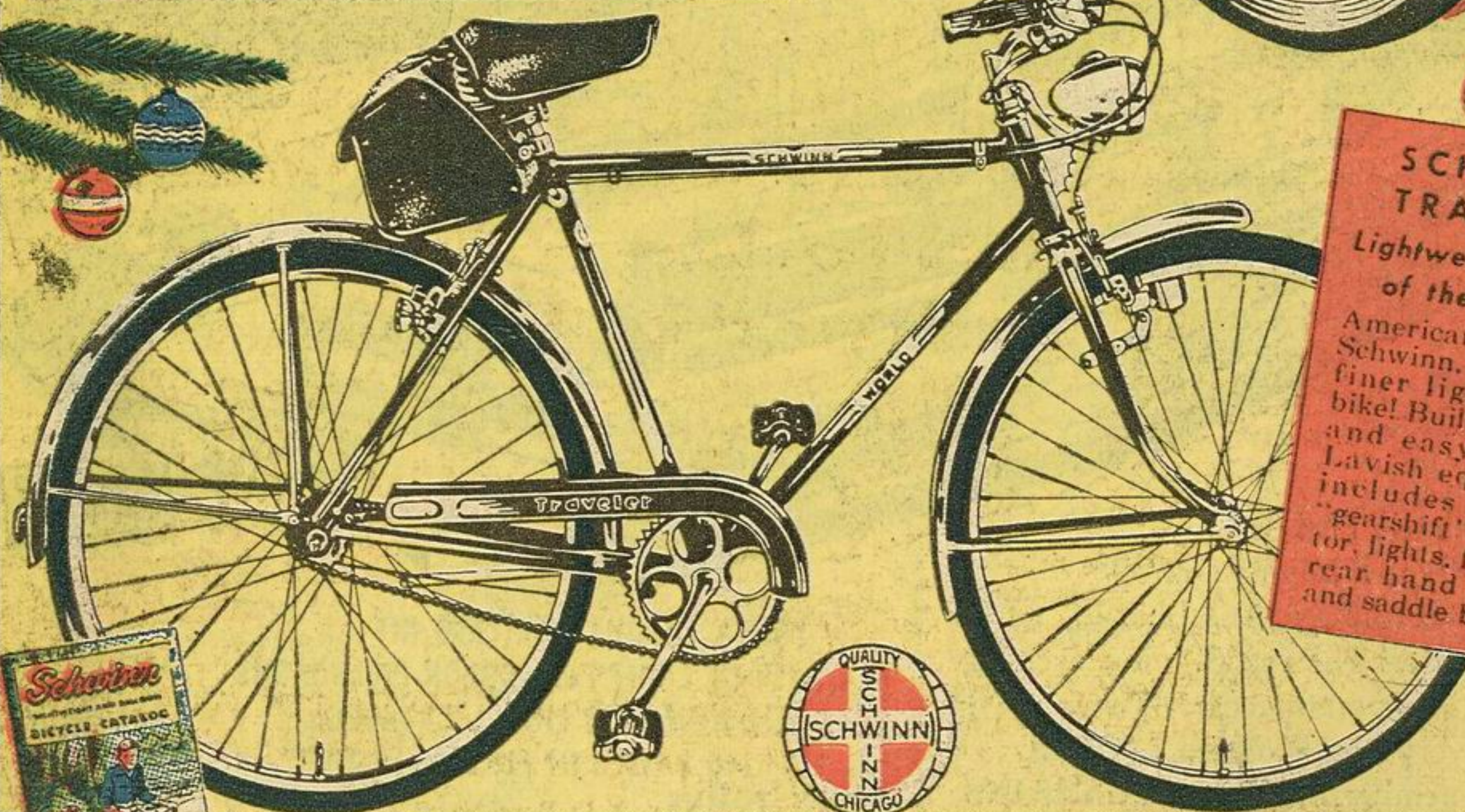
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